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Public Companies & Investments

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST will CLOSE on WEDNESDAY, the 4th of March, at 3 p.m., for Town and Country.

THE AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.
Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890.
Share Capital £25,000
Debentures £4,000
DIVIDED INTO
Ordinary A Shares of £5 each, all issued and paid up £3,100
Ordinary B Shares of £1 each £21,900
First Mortgage Debentures of £10 each, redeemable in September, 1892, and carrying interest at 6 per cent. £4,000

11,900 Ordinary B Shares are now offered for Public Subscription. Payable as follows:—
5/- per Share on Application.
5/- " " Allotment.
10/- " " 24th March, 1891.

Messrs Woodall, Hebden, and Co., of Scarborough, and the Yorkshire Banking Company, Limited, of Middlesbrough, are authorised to receive Subscriptions for the above 11,900 Ordinary B Shares of £1 each.

DIRECTORS.
J. W. Woodall, Esq., Messrs Woodall, Hebden, and Co., Bankers, Scarborough, Chairman.
W. F. Cochrane, Esq., St. John's Chambers, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
A. Harris, Esq., Messrs I. Copley and Co., Engineers, Middlesbrough.
Edwin Thompson, Esq., Manager Yorkshire Banking Company, Limited, Middlesbrough.
Jos. F. Wake, Esq., Merchant, Middlesbrough.

SOLICITORS.
Messrs Jackson and Jackson, 61, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., and Middlesbrough-on-Tees.
W. Lowther Carrick, Esq., Stokesley.

AUDITORS.
W. B. Peat, Esq., of Messrs R. Mackay and Co., London and Middlesbrough-on-Tees, Chartered Accountants.

BANKERS.
Messrs Woodall, Hebden, and Co., Scarborough.
The Yorkshire Banking Company, Limited, Middlesbrough-on-Tees.

REGISTERED OFFICES.
Fulton Works, Commercial-street, Middlesbrough-on-Tees.

SECRETARY.
Mr Edmund Dowker.

PROSPECTUS.

This Company was incorporated in January, 1890, and commenced operations as from April 1st, 1890, with a capital of £3,100, as a small syndicate to work and develop the Harris Patents, Nos. 17,007^{88}, 11,430^{89}, for improvements in "Coin freed or actuated apparatus for exhibition of information, and for games of chance or pastimes and other purposes."

The result of the first half-year's working, as shown in the accountant's certificate below, shows a net profit of £33 14s 11d. after deducting all expenses incurred in the formation of the business and in placing and fixing over 500 machines, together with the carriage upon them.

This profit is equal to a return upon the capital employed of 60 per cent. per annum. With the increase of capital the rate per cent. of the profit on the B shares is not expected to be so large, but the directors confidently look for a very remunerative dividend.

No depreciation of the machines has been written off before arriving at the above profit, as they have been so short a time at work. All maintenance and repairs have been paid for out of revenue.

The accounts of the business for the half-year ending 30th September, 1890, have been examined by Mr W. B. Peat, of Messrs R. Mackay and Co., of Middlesbrough and London, Chartered Accountants, who report as follows:—

Royal Exchange, Middlesbrough, Jan. 1st, 1891.
To the Directors of the Automatic Amusement Company, Limited, Middlesbrough.

Dear Sirs,—I have examined the books and accounts of your Company for the half-year ending 30th September, 1890, and I certify that, after deducting all working and business expenses, and after writing off the sum of £452 7s for the cost of placing the machines, the profit on the business for this period has amounted to £33 14s 11d. I further certify that the total takings of the machines for this period amounted to £3,108 18s 9d.—Yours faithfully,
W. B. PEAT, Chartered Accountant.

Arrangements of a satisfactory nature have been concluded and are in active operation for placing machines on the following properties, and 760 machines are erected and at work on these and other premises:—

Metropolitan District Railway.	Belfast and Northern Counties Railway.
London and South-Western Railway.	Great Northern Railway of Ireland.
London, Chatham, and Dover Railway.	Isle of Wight Railways, Carlisle Joint Station.
Great Eastern Railway.	Brighton Pier.
Caledonian Railway.	Blackpool Pier.
Glasgow and South Western Railway.	Southport Pier.
North British Railway.	Southsea Pier.
London and South-Eastern Railway.	Plymouth Pier.
East London Railway.	Westminster Aquarium, Olympia.

The number of machines at work during each of the six months ending 30th September, 1890, and the average takings per machine were as appears on the following table:—

	Average Machines at Work.	Takings. £ s. d.
	259	300 12 11
	317	431 12 5
	351	407 12 9
	450	653 8 6
	547	721 9 2
September	598	594 3 0
	2,522	3,108 18 9

Average per machine per month over the whole of the six months £1 4s 7d. With 760 machines at work the return on the above basis would have been [illegible] for the half-year.

The increase of capital and the purchase of Mr Everitt's patent referred to below, will enable the Company to acquire and place 1,000 Machines (including those taken over from Mr Everitt) in addition to the 760 already in operation, and as these are placed the revenue of the Company may be expected to proportionately increase.

The Company are interested in the foreign patents of Mr A. Harris to the extent of 25 per cent. of the proceeds, provided the Company exercises the option contained in the agreement dated 18th February, 1890. No profit from this source has been included in the accounts up to the 30th September, 1890.

The foreign patents are believed to be of a very valuable character, and negotiations for the sale of the American patent for a large sum are in an advanced stage.

The Directors, with the view of enlarging their operations, have thought it advisable to acquire Patent No. 17,510 of 1889, in the possession of Mr Percival Everitt; they have, therefore, concluded negotiations with that gentleman for the purchase of this patent, together with 600 Machines, and all the concessions, and rights in his possession in connection therewith. The Company have also acquired the license from Mr Everitt under patent No. 5,139 of 1890, for any of the purposes of this Company, with the right to grant sub-licenses, or dispose of the same in any way. This will destroy the only competition at any moment that the Directors foresee. The consideration payable to Mr Everitt is £10,000, being £6,000 in cash, and £4,000 in shares of this Company referred to on the face of this Prospectus.

The Directors in concluding this purchase consider that the operations of the Company will be greatly enlarged and profits increased. The concessions from Mr Everitt are advantageous, and many of his machines have been tested, the results of which are in the opinion of the Directors satisfactory.

It will therefore be seen that of the £11,900 Share Capital proposed to be raised £6,000 is payable to Mr Everitt, and the balance of £5,900 is available for extension of the business and for working capital.

The A and B shares rank equally on the profits of the Company until a 15% dividend is paid. After a payment of a total dividend of 15% on all the paid-up capital of both A and B shares, the surplus of profits available for dividend shall be divided between the holders of the A shares and the holders of the B shares, one half of such surplus profit to each.

The Company have entered into the following contracts:—

February, 1890, agreement between Anthony Harris and the Company.
February, 1890, agreement between Anthony Harris and the Company, adopting an agreement between Anthony Harris and W. L. Carrick, dated 20th January, 1890.
February, 1890, agreement between Anthony Harris and the Company, adopting an agreement between Anthony Harris and W. L. Carrick, dated 20th January, 1890.
1890, assignment of Patents by Anthony Harris to the Company.
1890, assignment of Patents by Anthony Harris to the Company.
1890, agreement between Percival Everitt and the Company.
November, 1890, assignment of Patents by Percival Everitt to the Company.
November, 1890, License by Percival Everitt to the Company.

In addition there are a large number of contracts and agreements relating to the working of the Company, which may be seen at the registered offices. Applicants for shares will be deemed to have full notice thereof, and to waive any further compliance with Section 38 of the Companies Act 1867.

Applications for shares should be made on the accompanying form to Messrs Woodall, Hebden, and Co., Scarborough, or to the Yorkshire Banking Company, Limited, Middlesbrough.
Middlesbrough, January, 1891.

Lost and Found.

Eaglescliffe and Saltburn, Edgeworth's "Helen," labelled York Library; carriage [illegible] Overton, Saltburn. 2

Rough Hair Fox Terrier Pup; white, with tan [illegible] Apply 19, Hill-street, Stockton. 28

Black and White Terrier Bitch; if not claimed within 3 days will be sold. Apply 21, [illegible] Middlesbrough. 2

Brown Retriever Dog. Owner can have same by paying expenses. Apply 54, Moses-street, Ormesby. 2

Reward.—Lost, White Liver Spaniel Dog, [illegible] Anyone found detaining same after this will be prosecuted. Apply to Old Engine Inn, [illegible] Church, Bishop Auckland. 6

Hotels, etc.

WILD'S TEMPERANCE HOTEL, 34 [illegible] Ludgate Hill; home comforts; cleanliness [illegible] Central for business or pleasure.

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The SUBSCRIPTION LIST will OPEN on MONDAY, the 2nd March, and CLOSE on or before THURSDAY, the 5th March.

THOMAS DANIEL AND CO., LIMITED.
Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890.
Capital, £1,000,000.

Divided into 25,000 Preferred Shares, and 75,000 Ordinary Shares of £10 each. The capital of the Company (fully paid) is £500,070, consisting of 25,000 £10 Preferred Shares, and £25,007 £10 Ordinary Shares.

Issue of £310,000 6 per cent. Debentures.

At the price of £105 per £100 debenture redeemable by annual drawings at £115, or by purchase in the market if under £115.

These debentures will be secured by a first mortgage on the real property of the Company (subject to the charges referred to below) and on the mortgages held by the Company, also by a floating charge on the remainder of its assets.

Interest will accrue on the amounts as paid up, and be payable half-yearly on the 1st January and 1st July. The first payment of interest will be made on the 1st July, 1891.

The British and American Trustee and Finance Corporation, Limited, is authorised to invite subscriptions for the above-mentioned debentures, payable as follows:—

£5 on application, £20 on allotment, £40 on the 8th April, and £40 on the 8th May.

Payment may be made in full on allotment under discount at the rate of £3 per cent. per annum.

TRUSTEES FOR THE DEBENTURE HOLDERS.
British and American Trustee and Finance Corporation, Limited.

DIRECTORS.
Sir George Henry Chambers,
Audley Charles Miles,
George Henry Bridges,
Edward Chambers,
John Strachan Bridges,
Arthur William Chambers,
4, Mincing-lane, E.C. And two Directors to be nominated by the British and American Trustee and Finance Corporation, Limited.

BANKERS.
Glyn, Mills, Currie, and Co., Lombard-street, E.C.
Prescott, Dimsdale, Cave, Tugwell, and Co., Old Bank, Bristol.
Commercial Bank of Scotland, Limited, Edinburgh, and Branches.

BROKERS.
C. H. Magniac, Gilby, and Summer, 43, Coleman-street, E.C.
G. W. Lucas and Son, Bristol.

SOLICITORS FOR THE DEBENTURE HOLDERS.
Ashurst, Morris, Crisp, and Co., 17, Throgmorton-avenue, E.C.

AUDITORS.
Welton, Jones, and Co., Chartered Accountants, 5, Moorgate-street, E.C.
Gane, Jackson, and Jefferys, Chartered Accountants, 53, Colman-street, E.C.

SECRETARY.
Walter Millachip.

OFFICES.
4, Mincing-lane, E.C., and 20, Berkeley-square, Bristol.

PROSPECTUS.

This Company was formed in October, 1885, to take over the business of Thomas Daniel and Co. in London, and Thomas Daniel and Sons in Bristol, which firms have been established for more than a century.

The nature and advantages of the Company's business are the following:—

The Company owns very valuable estates situated in Barbadoes, British Guiana, and Trinidad.

It grants advances to estate owners on mortgages and growing crops, consignments of produce being made to the Company against such advances.

It acts as agent in Barbadoes for many important houses and estates, supplying the latter with stores, &c.

It conducts besides a large trade with the United States (which is likely to be greatly increased by the repeal of the sugar duty coming into operation on 1st April, 1891), and also with Canada, Newfoundland, and other countries.

It is now recognised both here and in the United States of America that the West Indies offer one of the best fields for the profitable employment of capital.

Owing to the fertility of soil and abundance of labour, combined with great economies introduced in the past six years in cultivation and manufacture, Barbadoes is able to produce sugar at exceptionally low cost. Similarly in British Guiana the cost has been reduced by at least £6 to £7 per ton.

The proceeds of this debenture issue will be applied in extinguishing all existing mortgage debentures and other loans amounting to about £250,000, and subject to payment of expenses completing improvements on some of the estates.

The balance sheet of the Company for the year ended September 30th, 1890, certified by Messrs Welton, Jones, and Co., Chartered Accountants, showed the Company's assets as standing at £968,897 7s 2d. Messrs Gane, Jackson, and Jefferys, Chartered Accountants, who have, on behalf of the British and American Trustee and Finance Corporation, Limited, investigated the accounts and affairs of the Company, and made an exhaustive report thereon, consider that the assets of the Company as at that date, comprising freehold estates (mainly in Barbadoes), buildings, mortgages, book debts, cash, &c., should, for the purpose of a debenture issue, be taken as of the value of £886,239 7s 3d, against which there are certain specific charges on some of the properties amounting to £101,791 4s 1d.

This amount of £886,239 7s 3d is exclusive of goodwill, which in itself represents a large sum.

The value of the Company's estates, as shown by the audited balance-sheet referred to above, was taken as far as possible on the basis of appraisements accepted by the local Court of Chancery, and the British and American Trustee and Finance Corporation, Limited, in accepting the reduced figures given in Messrs Gane, Jackson, and Jefferys' report, believe they have placed a low valuation on the assets, which represent the security for the debentures.

This security, which is wholly in British and British Colonial territory, is in detail as follows:—

1. Freehold lands and buildings	£439,499 15 0
2. Amount secured by mortgages and similar securities	249,780 13 9
These are sums advanced by the Company on the security of real property.	
3. Amounts due from debtors, including advances and loans	151,736 18 2
These include trade debts due to the Company and advances on growing crops.	
4. Stocks, stores, cash, and investments	39,289 4 10
5. Ships and sundries	5,882 15 6
Total assets	£886,239 7 3

The debentures of this issue will constitute a first charge on the whole of these assets, subject to charges on some of the freehold lands and buildings amounting to £101,791 4s 1d, which charges, with one exception, were taken over when the estates were acquired by the Company, and which it is not considered desirable to pay off.

As will be seen by the certificate given below, the profits since the formation of the Company have averaged £47,059 5s 5d per annum, the profit for the year ended 30th September, 1890, being £53,864 2s 10d. The annual amount required to provide for the interest on the debentures is £18,600.

Certificate of Accountants.
53, Coleman-street, London, E.C., 6th Feb., 1891.
To the Directors of the British and American Trustee and Finance Corporation, Limited, 54, Old Broad-street, E.C.

Gentlemen,—In accordance with your instructions we have examined the accounts of Thomas Daniel and Co., Limited, certified by the auditors, Messrs Welton, Jones, and Co., and, taking the net profits certified by them, we find the results for the four years ended September 30th, 1890, to be as follows:—

The year ended	Sept. 30th,	1887	£40,213 18 5
Do.	Do.	1888	£40,156 16 4
Do.	Do.	1889	£53,972 4 3
Do.	Do.	1890	£53,864 2 10

Or a yearly average profit of £47,059 5s 5d.

The above profits are before charging interest at 6 per cent. on £250,000 (the amount of the loans to be paid off out of the present issue) and directors' remuneration.—We are gentlemen, your obedient servants.
GANE, JACKSON, AND JEFFERYS,
Chartered Accountants.

The Directors have under consideration the sale of certain of the Company's estates on advantageous terms, and it is provided in the trust deed that the proceeds up to the values specified therein shall be applied by the trustees in redeeming the debentures by purchase in the market when under £115 or by drawings at £115, and that the surplus shall be invested as part of the security for the debentures.

It is further provided that the sum to be paid by the Company to the Trustees, and applied by them to the redemption of debentures, shall be not less than £5,000 yearly.

The Company reserve the right to redeem the debentures at £115, by drawings at three months' notice from any 30th June or 31st December.

Registered debentures will be issued as soon as the amount has been paid up in full.

Interest on the debentures is payable by coupons half-yearly, on the 1st of January and the 1st of July. The first payment will be made on the 1st July, 1891, for the interest accrued to that date.

A Stock Exchange quotation will be applied for in due course.

Subscription for the debentures in the form enclosed with prospectus, accompanied by the deposit, payable upon application, will be received by the British and American Trustee and Finance Corporation, Limited, 54, Old Broad-street, E.C., and by the Company's Bankers.

If no allotment be made the deposit will be returned in full, and should a smaller number of debentures be allotted than is applied for the surplus paid on application will be appropriated towards the sum due on allotment.

Prospectuses and forms of application can be obtained at the offices of the British and American Trustee and Finance Corporation, Limited, and from the Bankers, Brokers, and Solicitors.

The memorandum and articles of association, and a copy of the trust deed for securing the debentures, with the form of the debentures, as also the report of Messrs Gane, Jackson, and Jefferys, can be inspected at the offices of the Solicitors.
February, 1891.

Tenders.

MIDDLESBROUGH UNION.—CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF PROVISIONS, BOOTS, LEATHER, COALS, COFFINS, &c., &c., for the half-year ending 3rd October, 1891 (except as to Milk, the contract for which shall be for one year). The Guardians of the above Union will, at a meeting to be held in the Board-room, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, on the 12th day of March next, receive and open Tenders for the supply of the above as under:—

For Workhouse.—All articles to be delivered at the Workhouse, Linthorpe, in such quantities and at such times as the Guardians (or their Clerk's) orders shall from time to time direct. Full particulars and samples of various articles may be seen at the Workhouse.

Persons tendering must have places of business within the Union.

For the Respective Relief Districts.—Persons tendering must have places of business within the district for which they tender.

All articles to be delivered according to the orders of the respective Relieving Officers.

With regard to the Coffins, the Tenders must be given for persons dying under the respective ages of 5 years, 10 years, and 16 years, and of the age of 16 years and upwards.

The persons whose Tenders may be accepted must be prepared (if required) to give security for the due performance of their respective Contracts.

Separate (sealed) Tenders must be given for the Workhouse and each Relief District, endorsed either "Workhouse" or with the name of the district, and must be delivered at the Union Offices, Municipal Buildings, not later than 4 p.m. on the 11th day of March next.

Samples as far as practicable must also be delivered at the above Offices for the Workhouse, and at the Relief Stations for the respective districts.

Forms of Tender and Contract, containing full particulars, can be obtained at my office.

Accounts paid monthly.

The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender, and they hold themselves at liberty to accept the whole or a part only of any Tender.
(By Order) T. JOHNSON,
Clerk to the Guardians.
Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough,
27th February, 1891. 28

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THE NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
Working under license from the Postmaster-General.
ISSUE OF £350,000 FOUR-AND-A-HALF PER CENT. DEBENTURE STOCK,
forming part of a total amount of New Debenture Stock which is limited to one-half of the subscribed share capital of the Company for the time being.

TRUSTEES FOR THE DEBENTURE STOCKHOLDERS.
Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P.
Right Hon. Henry H. Fowler, M.P.

The Directors are prepared to receive subscriptions for the above £350,000 stock at par, payable as follows:
5 per cent. on application.
20 " on allotment.
25 " on 30th April, 1891.
25 " on 30th June, 1891.
25 " on 30th September, 1891.

The capital of the Company is £4,000,000, of which £2,494,920 has been issued, as follows:—

438,984 Ordinary Shares of £5 each	£2,194,920
15,000 6 per cent. First Preference Shares of £10 each	150,000
15,000 6 per cent. Second Preference Shares of £10 each	150,000
	£2,494,920

Notice has been given to pay off the existing debenture stock and bonds. The new debenture stock will then, by the trust deed hereinafter mentioned, and subject to its provisions, be constituted a first charge on the entire undertaking and property of the Company.

The net revenue of the Company for the year ending 30th April, 1890, was £185,754.

The Directors anticipate that the net revenue for the year ending 30th April, 1891 (notwithstanding the reductions in rates), will reach the same figure.

The amount required for the annual interest on the present issue of debenture stock is £15,750.

The debenture stock is redeemable at the option of the Company on six months' notice at £110.

Subscribers may pay up in full on allotment, or on any date fixed for payment of an instalment.

Interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum will accrue on the amounts as paid up, and be payable half-yearly, on the 1st January and the 1st July. The first payment of interest will be made on the 1st July, 1891.

Failure to pay any of the instalments when due will subject previous payments to forfeiture.

Application for this stock must be made on the annexed form, and be accompanied by a deposit of £5 per cent. on the amount applied for. No application for less than £100 will be received.

In case of no allotment being made the deposit will be returned without deduction, and if a partial allotment is made the surplus will be applied towards the payment due on allotment.

Provisional debenture stock certificates will be issued against letters of allotment after payment of the amount due thereon, to be exchanged for definitive debenture stock certificates after completion of all payments.

A copy of the trust deed constituting and securing the debenture stock may be seen at the offices of the Company.

Subscription lists opened to-day (Saturday), the 28th February, and will close on or before Tuesday, 3rd March.

The following are the directors and officers of the Company:—

PRESIDENT.
Frederick Richards Leyland.
VICE-PRESIDENTS.
James Staats Forbes. | Col. R. Raynsford Jackson.

DIRECTORS.

Chas. Swain Agnew.	William Cuthbert Quilter, M.P.
John Winterbotham Batten.	George Hunter Robertson.
John Bruck.	
Peter Garnett.	Samuel Herrick Sands.
Eli Heyworth.	Alderman Joseph Thompson.
Dillwyn Parrish.	

BANKERS.
Robarts, Lubbock, and Co., 15, Lombard-street, E.C.
National Bank of Scotland, Limited, 37, Nicholas-lane, Lombard-street, E.C.

SOLICITORS.
Ashurst, Morris, Crisp, and Co.
Waterhouse, Winterbotham, and Harrison.

SECRETARY.
Albert Anns.

Prospectuses may be obtained from the Company's Bankers: at the Company's Offices, Oxford-court, Cannon-street, E.C., and at its branch offices in the provinces; and from Messrs Quilter, Balfour, and Co., 14, King's Arms-yard, E.C.
London, 26th February, 1891.

Religious Notices.

SPIRITUAL HALL.—Sunday, 11, Circle; 6.30, "Individualism and Socialism."

BAPTIST CHURCH, LINTHORPE-ROAD.—REV. THOS. ARMSTRONG, 10.30 and 6.30.

CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLESBROUGH. REV. JOHN BEVAN will preach TO-MORROW. Morning, 10.30; Evening, 6.30.

BROUGHAM-STREET CHAPEL, MIDDLESBROUGH.—To-morrow, Preacher for the day, MR T. BOYENTON, of Wetwang, Driffield.

REDCAR BAPTIST CHURCH. Preacher for Next Sunday: REV. J. HANKINSON, Rawdon College.

ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Stockton.—To-morrow: Morning, REV. S. R. MACPHAIL, M.A.; Evening, REV. T. HOWELL.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough.—10.30, REV. JAS. PEDDIE, B.A.; 6.30, REV. C. F. FLEMING, B.D.

P.M. CHAPEL, Paradise-row, Stockton.—Sunday, March 1st.—Preacher: Morning and Evening, REV. G. H. BEELEY.

BRUNSWICK WESLEYAN CHAPEL, STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Sunday Evening the REV. JOSEPH NEWTON will preach a Special Sermon to Young Men. Commence at 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—MR GUY HAYLER is expected in the Lecture-room, Baxter-street, SUNDAY, March 1st, 8.15 p.m. A short, bright meeting; good music, &c. 28

GOSPEL HALL, Boundary-road.—Mr and Mrs GUEST, Gospel Union Evangelists, will conduct services To-morrow at 2.30 and 6.30. Give the above friends a hearty invitation. 28

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Queen's-Terrace.—REV. J. P. JAMES. 10.45 a.m.; 6.30 p.m., "Why Working Men DO GO to Church;" conference at close of service; questions, suggestions, or objections welcomed.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. Preachers for To-morrow: Morning at 10.30, The REV. C. F. FLEMING, M.A., B.D.: Evening at 6.30, The REV. JAMES PEDDIE, B.A.

ST. HILDA'S PARISH CHURCH.—Hospital Charities.—Collections on Sunday, Morning, 11 a.m., and Evening, 6.30 p.m. Anthem, Morning and Evening, "O Father whose Almighty Power" (Handel). "Te Deum" (Dykes) Morning. Evening Services, HARFORD LLOYD. 28

NEWPORT-ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH. Preacher for To-morrow: REV. J. FLEMING SHEARER. Subjects:
10.30 a.m., "GOD'S RELATION TO THE WEAK."
6.30 p.m., "THE GREATEST WORK OF EVERY MAN."

UNITARIAN CHURCH, WELLINGTON-STREET, STOCKTON. SUNDAY EVENING, March 1, at 6.30 p.m., SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE. Chandler's Band. Selections, Solos, Anthems, Hymns. PREACHER: REV. EDWARD C. BENNETT.

Dentistry.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH. MR BUCK, The People's Dentist, 9, East-street, and 35, Grange-road, Middlesbro'. 1

FRAS. BONE, SURGEON DENTIST, 27, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough. Artificial Teeth from 2/6 per tooth. Teeth extracted 1/-.

HUGHES, DENTIST, STOCKTON—Top of High-street. MIDDLESBROUGH—46, Newport-road. See Country Appointments in Friday's paper.

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DR. SALT, D.D.S.,
DENTAL SURGEON,
42, NEWPORT-ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH,
AND AT
SCARBOROUGH-STREET, WEST HARTLEPOOL.
Teeth from 3s 6d each. Sets from £4 4s warranted.
Teeth extracted painlessly by Nitrous Oxide Gas, 5s.

Shipping and Emigration.

EMIGRATION, Inman, Allan, White Star, Beaver, Dominion, Australian, New Zealand, and African Lines—Agent, W. T. KEAY, Sussex-st., Mbro'.

STEAM WEEKLY BETWEEN SUNDERLAND AND LONDON.—S.S. GENERAL HAVELOCK leaves SAT., Feb. 28, at 6 p.m.; returns Victoria Wharf, London, next WED. Fares: Cabin 8s and 12s, return 12s and 18s. W. H. THOMPSON, John street, Sunderland.

REGULAR STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HULL AND THE TEES. The s.s. "GRINKLE" (400 tons) will sail from HULL every Saturday, taking goods at through rates, for Middlesbrough, Stockton, and District, returning to Hull every Tuesday (circumstances permitting).
For freight and further particulars apply to W. H. H. Hutchinson & Son, Hull; J. M. Lennard & Sons, Middlesbrough; or to William Martin, Corporation Wharf, Stockton-on-Tees.

ABERDEEN, NEWCASTLE, AND HULL STEAM COMPANY, LIMITED.—WEEKLY Steam Communication between STOCKTON, MIDDLESBROUGH, AND ABERDEEN. The s.s. ALEXANDER PIRIE (or other steamer) is intended to sail (unless prevented by weather or unforeseen circumstances) weekly between the above-named ports, taking cargo and passengers.

Single Fares.	Cabin.	Steerage.
Stockton or Middlesbrough, to Aberdeen (or *vice versa*)	10s	5s

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Moderate charges in London. Easy rates for freight and wharfage. Regularity in sailing. Prompt despatch of goods insured by shipping *via* this route.
Classification lists and rates on application. A limited number of Passengers carried by each steamer. Passages should be applied for beforehand. Any further information may be had on application to the Company's Offices, Middlesbrough or Stockton.

SIXPENCE per load will be given by Sadler and Company for all rubbish carted from the Cleveland Chemical Works.

NOTICE.—Received, Manufacturer's Stock of Hide Leather Sample and Travelling Bags, slightly soiled; to be sold at half value. Darnbrough, Saddler, 24, Cleveland street, Middlesbrough. 28

Public Notices.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on the 9th day of April, application will be made to Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, assembled at Quarter Sessions, in and for the North Riding of the County of York, at Northallerton, in the said Riding, for an order for the turning, diverting, and stopping up of a certain highway in the township and parish of Eston, in the said Riding, at a point about midway between Grangetown and South Bank, and adjoining Claylane Farm, and that the certificate of two Justices having viewed the same, and that the proposed new highway is nearer and more commodious to the public, with the plan of the old and proposed new Highway, will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the said Riding on the 11th day of March next.
Dated this 13th day of February, 1891.
JNO. T. BELK, Clerk to the Eston Local Board.

SEDGEFIELD HUNT STEEPLECHASES (under the National Hunt Rules) will be held over the Sands Hall Estate, which is one of the finest Courses in England, on THURSDAY, 12th March, 1891.
The SANDS PLATE of £40.
The WYNYARD PLATE of £40.
The SEDGEFIELD HUNT STEEPLECHASE of £50.
The SOUTH DURHAM HUNT CUP of £30.
The HARDWICK PLATE of £25, for Half-bred Hunters.
Entries close not later than 10 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1891. For programmes, &c., apply to W. J. TRENHOLM, Secretary, Sedgefield.

SOUTH BANK CHORAL SOCIETY.
UNDER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE.
GRAND CONCERT OF HANDEL'S
"JUDAS MACCABÆUS,"
In the WESLEYAN CHAPEL, SOUTH BANK,
On WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 4th, 1891,
Soloists:
Soprano, MISS NAOMI HARDY,
Of the London and Provincial Concerts;
Contralto, MISS HANNAH JONES,
Gold Medalist, R.A.M.;
Tenor, MR MALDWYN HUMPHREYS,
Parepa Rosa Gold Medalist, and Jos. Maas Scholar, R.A.M.
Bass, MR LUCAS WILLIAMS,
Crystal Palace and Royal Albert Hall Concerts.
Admission:—Reserved seats (numbered), 4s; Front seats, 2s; Second seats, 1s.
Doors open at 6.30; Concert to commence at 7.30 sharp. Trains to Middlesbrough, &c., and Redcar, &c., after Concert. 4

PORT OF HULL SOCIETY'S SAILORS' ORPHAN HOME.
ANNUAL TEA AND MEETING,
NEW TOWN HALL, MIDDLESBROUGH,
WEDNESDAY, March 18th.
Offers of Trays gratefully accepted.
Candidates for the Next Election must make immediate application to
J. HARGREAVES, Ironmonger, Corporation-road; or J. W. SCRAFTON, Woodlands-road, Local Secs. 4

MIDDLESBROUGH AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB.—The Club year commences MONDAY, March 2nd. Ladies and gentlemen desirous of learning swimming under professional tuition should give their names to the Hon. Secs. Ladies' section, Miss Farrow, 56, Hartington-road; gentlemen's section, Mr M. Jefferson, 7, Grange-road West. 4

TO FARMERS, HORSE DEALERS, AND OTHERS.
BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON.
ANNUAL MARCH FAIR, 1891.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Annual March Fair will be held on MONDAY, March 2nd.
(By order) F. T. STEAVENSON, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Darlington, 24th February, 1891.

TEMPERANCE HALL, DOVECOT-STREET, STOCKTON.
HERR COHEN
Will attend in his rooms daily from 10 to 1.30, 3 to 5, and 7 to 9, A FEW DAYS LONGER, for the Sale of his PATENT MEDICAL CURATIVE COIL.
Note: Entrance to Herr Cohen's Rooms by side door only; Prince Regent-street. 28

THEATRE ROYAL, MIDDLESBROUGH. This Week:—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday — FALLEN AMONG THIEVES. Thursday—A RING OF IRON. Friday—MARRIED NOT MATED. Saturday—THE LAND OF THE LIVING. Monday, March 2nd, 1891, Augustus Harris's Burlesque Company in VENUS.

OXFORD PALACE, Middlesbrough.—This Week:—Miss Billee Barlow, the Leading Burlesque Artiste of the Day; Mr George Fredericks, The Mataros, The Sisters Bristol, Mr J. P. Curlett, Messrs Zalvo, and Louise, Miss Dot Hetherington, Florene, the Boy Wonder.

GAIETY THEATRE, West Hartlepool.—This Week—King and Christensen's famed OPERA COMPANY.

ALHAMBRA VARIETY THEATRE, Lambton-street (off Lynn-street), West Hartlepool.—This week:—Prof. Marvelle's Wondrous Performing Dogs. Miss Marie Violetta, Characteristic Serio-Comic and Ballad Vocalist. Jovial Joe Colvero, in his masterpiece of Musical Illustrations, "John Bull," and his new and original creations, "Lord Billy." The Leggets, the Premier Sketch Artistes. Prof. Duemain, in his Novel Performance, "Electricone." Mr Arthur Reece, Character Comedian. Messrs Ashley and Beach, Eccentric Knockabout Comedians. Wonderful Troupe of Performing Cockatoos.

18th year of Professional Visits to the North.
LEEDS EYE AND EAR DISPENSARY.
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MR G. MITCHELL, Oculist and Aurist.
Attendance at
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Black Lion Hotel, Stockton, Wednesday, Feb. 25.
Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, Saturday, Feb. 28.
Corporation Hotel, Middlesbrough, Saturday, March 7.
Railway Hotel, Northallerton, Wednesday, Mar. 4.
Talbot Hotel, Malton, Feb. 24.
Hours: 11 to 4. Hours at Middlesbrough: 12 to 4.
Artificial Eyes fitted from 20s. Spectacles, &c., supplied.

THE HARTLEPOOLS
"POPULAR" BUILDING SOCIETY.
This Society, as its name denotes, is becoming very "popular" in the Hartlepools, as is evidenced by the fact that OVER £23,000 WORTH OF SHARES have been subscribed in a few weeks. Join at once and participate in the next Ballot, to be held in a few weeks.
£10 will be given by the Society to the person who wins the same if such person desires to sell.
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Full information on application to the Secretary,
MR J. MARCHBANK,
Central Chambers, Whitby-street, West Hartlepool.

YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK
THE MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH
Is Open daily at 5, LINTHORPE-ROAD, from 10 to 3, Saturdays 10 to 1, and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8.
Any amount may be deposited.
3 per cent. interest allowed.
£20, or any smaller amount, may be withdrawn without notice, and larger sums on giving one day's notice.
Cheque books are issued.
ARTHUR FORSTER, Manager.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
WILLIAM TENNET, Incorporated Accountant,
44, Albert-road, will shortly Remove to more commodious premises at
66, CORPORATION-ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH.
Books Debts Purchased.
Trade Bills Discounted.

JOHN HARLAND, late of the George Hotel, Stockton street, Middlesbrough, has taken the Britannia Inn, Thornaby-road, South Stockton, where he will be pleased to meet old and new friends. Ales, Spirits, and Wines of the best quality. M9

MRS BROWN, 5, Mill-lane, Stockton, Dress and Mantle Maker, only Certificated Teacher of the European System of Dress Cutting by Measurement. Perfect fit guaranteed. No fitting required. Ball and Evening Dresses in all the Latest Styles. A27

Education.

J. H. ADLINGTON.—Lessons on Pianoforte, Harmonium, and Organ; Harmony and Singing. 118, St. Paul's-terrace, Middlesbrough.

SHORTHAND, Book-keeping, Mathematics, Latin, French, and German taught by experienced Teacher. Address D, 4, Kent-street, Middlesbrough. 28

MIDDLESBROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, GRANGE-ROAD, W.—Preparation for Business or Professional Life in small classes with individual attention. Class for Pharmaceutical Examination. Half Term Monday, March 2nd. Moderate Fees.

MUSICAL ACADEMY, 35, Albert-road, Middlesbrough.—Principal: T. B. Parsons. Lessons on the Violin, Mandoline, Piano, Banjo, &c. Instruments for sale cheap.

Musical Instruments, &c., for Sale.

ARCHIBALD Ramsden's Pianos on view at the Agent's, Church-row, Stockton. Monthly or quarterly instalments received. 4

BEFORE buying a Pianoforte, Organ, or Harmonium, carefully read Archibald Ramsden's advertisement, which appears in this paper every Tuesday and Thursday.

COTTAGE Piano in handsome walnut case; originally cost £35; price £13. Agency Office, Church-row, Stockton. 5

MAGNIFICENT American Organ, massive walnut case, 6 feet high, 11 stops, octave couplers, knee swells; splendid tone; guaranteed new; eminent maker; 5 years' warranty; price £26 4s, accept £13 13s; carriage paid; great bargain; photo and particulars free. Mrs A. Peat, Newton Green, near Alfreton. 28

PIANO (Broadwood), 55/-; Cottage Piano, £12, cost £40, brilliant tone, celeste action. 4, Linthorpe-road, Linthorpe. 28

PIANOS For Sale or on the 3 Years' System.—Elegant Walnut Cottage, 4ft 1in. high, complete iron frame, perfect check repeater action, full trichord, bracket trusses, gilt sconces, bushed keys. An instrument possessing all the advantages of durability, sweetness of tone, firmness of touch, and high-class finish; 28 guineas; for £19 10s cash, or at 13s 6d per month on the 3 years' system of purchase; guaranteed in every way. This Special Piano is made exclusively for and can only be had from Alderson and Brentnall's, 125, Northumberland-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

VALUABLE Solo Violin, perfect preservation, grand tone; complete with best-class box, bow, resin, music, must be sold immediately, only 14s 6d required for lot; positive gift; this is no trash, but a great bargain. Mrs W. Hursthouse, opposite Club, Tibshelf, Alfreton. 28

SPECIAL NOTICE,
If you want a real good reliable
PIANO, ORGAN, OR HARMONIUM.
Before buying elsewhere call at
14, Brunswick-street, STOCKTON-ON-TEES,
And see JOHN BURDON'S STOCK,
Which for Quality and Price cannot be equalled.
Inspection invited, and compare with any London or Provincial Dealers.
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APPRENTICES and Improvers Wanted to the Millinery. Apply E. J. Brightman, 131, Newport-road (opposite Infirmary), Middlesbrough. 28

APPRENTICES Wanted to the Dressmaking immediately. Apply McLeigh, 11 and 13, Sussex-street, Middlesbrough. 3

AGENCY for Servants, Miss Wright, Derby House, Hartington-road, Stockton. Good situations.

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AGENTS Wanted, whole or spare time, commission and bonus. Ireton and Co., 92, Gracechurch-street, London.

AGENTS Wanted; salary £104 per year; constant work; experience unnecessary. Pendlebury and Co., 32, Harwich-road, Colchester. 3

AGENTS Wanted throughout Great Britain, calling on business people generally; whole or spare time. Apply S. and M., 12, Aldersgate Chambers, London, E.C. 28

AGENTS.—Wanted, first-class Men only to push the "Scandinavia" Patent Cotton Machine Belting and Hair Belting in the North-Eastern Counties. Address W. Willson Cobbett, 82, Southwark-street, London, S.E. 3

BANK Clerk.—Wanted, a thoroughly smart, well-educated Youth, about 20. Address, with full particulars, to T56, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 3

BLACKSMITH Wanted; must be good horse-shoer; constant work. Apply Geo. Readman, Smith, &c., Danby End, Grosmont. 2

BOOT Trade.—Wanted, young Lady as Learner. Apply Cash Boot Company, Spennymoor. 3

CANVASSERS Wanted; liberal terms to good men. Apply 95, Newgate-street, Bishop Auckland. 28

CLOTHING.—Two pushing Men, as Junior and Second, Wanted. Stewart's, Clothiers, Middlesbrough. 28

COOK (plain) Wanted for Business House. Apply Housekeeper, Carter and Co., Stockton. 28

COOK (good, plain) Wanted immediately; two in family; no washing. Miss Hayllar's Registry, Bridge-road, Stockton. 28

COOK (experienced) Wanted, age 25 to 30; assistance given. Mrs G. Pyman, Rose Bank, West Hartlepool. 30

COOK.—Wanted immediately, good plain Cook for Ferryhill; knowledge of dairy preferred. Cooks, Generals, Nurse, and Housemaids for district. Mrs Reid, 26, Newcomen-street, Redcar. 28

COLLECTOR-SALESMEN Wanted; sharp, intelligent Young Men with good references; exceptional terms to men of good ability. Apply, by letter, giving 3 first-class references, The Singer Manufacturing Co., 60, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 7

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COUNTRY Girl, willing to milk or learn. Apply with particulars, Miss Wright, Derby House, Stockton. 2

DAY Girl (respectable) Wanted, age about 13. Mrs Hollings, Confectioner, Hartington-road, Stockton. 2

DRESSMAKING.—Wanted, thoroughly experienced Bodice Hands. Apply Miss Hogg, Wycliffe, Darlington. 4

DRESSMAKING.—Apprentices Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Fryer, 36, Milbank-street, Middlesbrough. 2

DRESSMAKER (live out) Wanted; competent hand; take charge of workroom; age, salary, &c. Baker and Sons, Guisborough. 28

DRESS and Mantle Maker Wanted, must be efficient and practical. Address Box B, "Gazette" Office, West Hartlepool.

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DRAUGHTSMAN Wanted immediately; accustomed to making general and detail drawings of iron and steel bridge and pontoon work. Apply personally at the office of the Borough Engineer, Municipal Buildings, Russell-street, Middlesbrough, between the hours of eleven and twelve a.m. 5

ESTON School Board.—Wanted, a Trained Certificated Assistant Teacher, salary £52 per annum; and Two ex-Pupil Teachers, salaries £40, thoroughly qualified in Tonic Sol-fa and Kindergarten, and accustomed to infants' school, to commence duties 13th April. Applications, with copies of testimonials, to be sent to me by the 23rd March. Appointments made on 26th. H. J. Parrington, Clerk to the Board, 7, Queen's-terrace, Middlesbrough.

GROCERY.—Wanted, good Junior for Trimdon Branch; must be able to take charge of a horse and cart occasionally. Apply personally to Anthony Hall, Bishop Auckland. 3

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted. Apply 3, West-bourne-street, Stockton. 2

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Middleton, Royal Hotel, Brotton. 28

GENERAL Servant Wanted; good plain cook. Apply Mrs Hall, Cambridge-terrace, Norton. 2

GENERAL Servant (experienced) Wanted; good references required. Mrs Dunbavand, The Park, West Hartlepool. 3

GENERAL Servant Wanted, able to wash; another girl kept. Apply 25, Parliament-street, Stockton. 3

GENERAL Servant (experienced) who can undertake entire management. Apply, with particulars, Miss Wright's, Derby House, Stockton. 2

GENERAL Servant Wanted for Thornley Colliery Inn; age not under 20. Apply Mrs Mowbray, Thornley. 5

GENERAL Servant Wanted at once; not under 20; country preferred. Apply 6, Woodlands-terrace, Middlesbrough. 28

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted, about 20 to 24; must be able to wash and bake well; good wages to an experienced girl. Apply at the "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 28

GENERAL Servant Wanted; housemaid kept. Apply, with reference, Mrs Kay, Rockside, Hartlepool. 28

GIRL (good, strong) Wanted; no cooking required; state age and how long in last situation. Address letters to N32, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 28

HATTERS.—Smart Junior Wanted. Apply Hutton and Burton, High-street, Stockton. 3

HARMONIUMIST Wanted for St. John's Church, South Bank. Apply Rev. R. Roberts, Stapylton Villas. 3

HOUSEMAID (experienced) Wanted at once; nurse-housemaid kept; country. A, "Gazette" Office, Guisborough. 3

HOUSEMAID for two in family; also, several Cooks, Generals, and Nurse-Housemaids Wanted for the term. County Registry, Charles-street, West Hartlepool.

HOUSEKEEPER Wanted, age about 40, for a working man and family of two sons; good home. Address G23, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

HOUSEKEEPER-COOK Wanted; also, strong, steady Girl as Wardmaid; good wages. Apply Convalescent Home, Coatham, Redcar. 2

HOUSEKEEPER (working) Wanted immediately, not under 35, to Widower in business; three children, 8, 6, and 4 years; good home for suitable person; state age, wage, reference. J., 16, Cliff-street, Whitby. 6

HORSEKEEPER.—Wanted, Single Man, to act as Horsekeeper underground. Apply Castle Eden Colliery. 3

HOW To Make Money!—Write for samples and accept Agency for the Sale of Birks Bros.' wonderful Blended Teas; cheapest in England. Address Central Supply Stores, West Hartlepool.

KIRKBY Stephen Cricket Club.—Wanted, Groundman, May 13th to August 13th; bowler and coach preferred. Apply, stating salary required, with testimonials, Chas. Robinson, Secretary. 28

KNITTING Machines.—Harrison Gold Medal Swift; Wanted, buying agents. Works: 48, Upper Brook-street, Manchester.

LEDGER Clerk (thoroughly competent) Wanted; age about 30; unexceptionable reference as to character and ability; a permanency to a suitable man. Address Ledger Clerk, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

MILLINERY.—Wanted at once, an Improver to the Millinery. Apply Madame Hudson, 72, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. 6

MEN.—Wanted, active and steady Men wishing to increase their incomes. Write to J. Bewick, 70, Chillingham-road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 28

NURSE (experienced) Wanted; under nurse kept. Apply Mrs T. G. Fawcett, Yarm-on-Tees. 4

NURSE (good) Wanted, about 18; must be fond of children, and of good character. Apply by letter, with references, to P6, "Gazette" Office, M'bro. 3

PURCHASING Agents Wanted in all towns in four Northern counties where not already represented; also, spare time Agents in all colliery districts in above-named circuit; we are prepared to arrange terms on exceptionally liberal basis. Apply Rudge Cycle Co., Limited, St. John's street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. M18

ST. John's Girls' School, Middlesbrough.—Wanted, a competent Assistant Mistress; Churchwoman; good disciplinarian; Tonic Sol-fa. Apply the Vicar. 28

SCHOOLROOM-MAID Wanted immediately; age about 18; must be able to do plain sewing. Apply to Mrs W. M. Watson, St. John's House, Stockton. 28

SERVANT.—Wanted at once, respectable, experienced General Servant; references required; good wages. Mrs Rickinson, Craster-terrace, Coatham. 2

TAILOR'S Machinist Wanted, constant work and good wage to a vest maker. Apply Mackenzie, Oxbridge lane, Stockton. 28

TO Saddlers.—Wanted, good General Hand or Improver. Apply Etherington, Hurworth-on-Tees. 4

TO PAINTERS.—Wanted, a first class Writer and Grainer; constant work and good wage guaranteed. J. Boanson, 57, Church-street, West Hartlepool. 2

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WAITRESS.—Experienced Commercial-room Waitress Wanted. Apply, with references, Mrs Samuel, Station Temperance Hotel, West Hartlepool. 3

WORKING Housekeeper for Butcher Wanted immediately; wages £15. Apply, with particulars, Miss Wright's Agency, Stockton. 2

YOUTH (respectable) Wanted as apprentice; also, Sharp door Boy for Saturdays. Apply G. Pottage, Middlesbrough. 28

YOUTH Wanted for an Office; must reside in Middlesbrough. Address B10, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

YOUNG Man (active) Wanted, to attend to pony and trap and make himself generally useful; one thoroughly accustomed to the work; with good character. Apply R. Conway, North Ormesby. 28

YOUNG Man Wanted for Drapery Department, not under 21 years of age, at 21s per week. Apply personally, with references, to the Committee of Bishop Auckland Co-operative Society on Wednesday, March 4th, at 7.30 p.m. 2

£2 WEEKLY and upwards may be realised by either sex, without hindering present occupation. For sample, &c., enclose addressed envelope, Evans, Watts, and Co., P186, Merchants, Birmingham. This is genuine.

Situations Wanted.

CLEANING or Washing Wanted by the day. Apply 20, Thorpe-street, Stockton. 28

SITUATION Wanted by domesticated young Woman as Nurse or any light work; 7 years' experience. Address C16, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

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SITUATION Wanted as Caretaker or any place of trust; wife experienced cook; first-class testimonials. Apply 22, Walter-street, Yarm-road, Stockton. 3

SITUATION Wanted as Foreman, Timekeeper, or any position of trust; experienced in the manufacture of salt; excellent references. G7, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 3

TO Joiners.—Strong Boy Wants Situation as Apprentice; aged 16. Apply Crouch, "Gazette" Office, Skelton. 28

Partnerships.

PARTNER Wanted; young man preferred with energy and push; must have small capital. Communicate in first instance to B 80 "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

PARTNER Wanted with £200 capital, Cycle and Electrical Engineering. Address G13, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 28

Miscellaneous Wants.

BEST Prices given for Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cast-off Clothing by Mrs Gibson, 7, Castlegate, Stockton-on-Tees. Personal attendance in town or country; cash per return for all parcels. 28

CAST-OFF Clothing Wanted.—Mrs Pinto, 7, Bridge-street, Middlesbrough, continues giving 20 per cent. more for every description of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cast-Off Clothing than any other dealer. Ladies privately waited upon. Cash remitted same day as parcels received. Highest references given if required. 28

FURNITURE Warehoused at 38, Marton-road. Apply J. G. Newby. M2

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APARTMENTS Wanted by Two Young Gentlemen. Address, stating lowest terms, M18, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 3

APARTMENTS To Let for two Ladies; near cricket field; terms moderate. Address D90, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

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COMFORTABLE Lodgings for a respectable Working Man; no family. Apply Box 14, "Gazette" Office, Stockton. 28

COMFORTABLE Lodgings for one or two young Men; no children. Dr. Fagg's Lodge, Yarm-road, Stockton. 2

LODGINGS (comfortable) for 2 Young Men, near Baths; terms moderate. Apply 29, Portrack-lane, Stockton. 4

To be Let.

THE Empire Refreshment Bars, Stockton, To Let; fully licensed. Apply Davison, Manager. 28

TO Let, House and Shop in Bridge-road, Stockton, now occupied by Mr Hoggett, Music Dealer. For terms apply to Messrs Fawcett and Faber, Solicitors, Finkle-street, Stockton.

VILLA at Thornaby (20 minutes' from South Stockton Station); Dining and Drawing Rooms, 7 Bed-rooms, Coach-house, Stabling, all conveniences, Kitchen and Flower Garden, Tennis Lawn; immediate possession, Cuthbert, Grocer, South Stockton. M24

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EXCELLENT House, No. 5, Clyde-terrace, Stockton, containing dining, drawing, and breakfast rooms, 6 bed-rooms, bath, hot and cold water; w.c., 2 kitchens, pantry; cellared throughout; very large yard, with the usual out-offices. Apply G. Nicholson, 44, Garbutt-street, Stockton. 3

GROVE Hill-road.—To Be Sold, capital family House (new); 10 Large Rooms, Bath, h. and c.; W.C.; every convenience; papered and decorated, cheap, only wants seeing. Chas. Tinsley, Saltburn. M3

GLOUCESTER Villa, North Ormesby, with carriage entrance, garden at back and front, stands on 700 yards of land, price £475; also, Villa at Linthorpe, with half acre of land, price £750; House and Shop in Durham-street, in first-class repair, with six bedrooms, shop and back premises with cellar, price £370; Six-roomed House in Denmark-street; Six-roomed House in Borough-terrace, £265; House in St. John's-terrace, £500. Address Y90, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 3

HARTINGTON-ROAD.—Two good Houses For Sale. Apply to Langley and Elliot, Solicitors, 28, High-street, Stockton-on-Tees. MY13

HOUSE (five-roomed) For Sale in Kent-street. Apply at 6, Kent-street, Middlesbrough. 2

HOUSE (7 rooms), Grange-road, For Sale, cheap; no reasonable offer refused. Address K18, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

HOUSE and Shop For Sale, 165 Newport-road; successful grocery business been carried on for a number of years. Apply W. Dale, 7, Borough-road West, Middlesbrough. 4

HOUSE (7 rooms) in 18, Pembroke-street, Middlesbrough, For Sale; cheap. Apply 3, Clarendon-terrace, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. M10

HOUSE For Sale, in Bishopson-lane, 3 rooms, bath, and wash-house, electric bells, hot and cold water throughout, large garden in front; price £490. Apply 13, Shaftsbury-street, Stockton. TC

HOUSES.—Two commodious family Houses, situate and being Nos 8 and 10, Russell-street, North Stockton; in excellent order and condition; a portion of the purchase money can remain on mortgage. Apply Mrs Elgie, No. 8. 3

HOUSE (Woodlands-road), containing nine rooms, kitchen, &c., with immediate possession, For Sale. Apply Geo. Robson, Solicitor, 23, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. 28

JOINER'S Shop and House For Sale; also, a number of Cottages. Robert Sweeting, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 15

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LAND.—Several Plots For Sale, suitable for small houses in Ewbank-street, Manfield-street, and Egglestone-terrace, Stockton-on-Tees. Apply Mr Geo. Fletcher, Architect, Stockton. 3

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MELROSE House, Linthorpe, For Sale; 8 rooms and bath-room; greenhouse and one acre of garden, well laid out and planted; also, 800 yards grass land, or thereabouts. Apply to Mrs Barron, on the Premises. M19

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Sales by Auction.

MANFIELD HOUSE, GROVE HILL, MIDDLESBROUGH.

MESSRS WILLMAN AND DOUGLAS have received instructions to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Wellington Hotel, Middlesbrough, on FRIDAY, March 6th, 1891, at 2 for 3 o'clock in the afternoon, subject to the conditions to be then produced and read, all that FREEHOLD RESIDENCE known as "Manfield House," situate at Grove Hill, Middlesbrough, and lately in the occupation of Mr Jno. Thomas junr., and containing dining, drawing, and breakfast rooms, 3 bed-rooms, dressing-room, W.C., 2 attic bed-rooms, 2 cellar kitchens, large pantry, and good gardens back and front. Frontage 22ft. 6in., depth 154ft. 6in., or thereabouts.

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VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY, SITUATE IN ALBERT-ROAD AND DURHAM-STREET, MIDDLESBROUGH.

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Lot 1.—All that Valuable DWELLING-HOUSE, with the premises belonging thereto situate and being No. 45, Albert-road, Middlesbrough, having a frontage of 17½ feet or thereabouts to Albert-road, and now occupied as offices by Mr Alfred Hailam.

Lot 2.—All that Valuable DWELLING-HOUSE, with Front Shop, Bakehouse and other convenient premises, situate and being No. 29, Durham-street, Middlesbrough, now in the occupation of Mr James Falconer, Bread Baker and Flour Dealer, &c.

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MESSRS WALKER AND SON will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on MONDAY NEXT, upon the premises of Mr Walter Rose, under Her Majesty's Writ of *fieri facias*, directed to the High Sheriff of Yorkshire (unless proceedings be stayed before the time of sale), a portion of the STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising Walnut Cottage Pianofortes; a large number of Concertinas, Sewing Machines, Mahogany, Walnut, and other Household Furniture, &c. Sale to commence at One o'clock.

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MIDDLESBROUGH.
FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE.

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Lot 2.

All those EIGHT HOUSES, situate and being No. 81 to 95, Millbank-street, Middlesbrough (inclusive), with front sitting-room, kitchen, scullery, yard and out-buildings, and 3 bed-rooms.

Lot 3.

All those 2 HOUSES, Nos. 97 and 99, Millbank-street, aforesaid, with front sitting room, kitchen, scullery, yard, and out-buildings, and 3 bed-rooms.

Lot 4.

All those 6 HOUSES, being Nos. 9 to 19 (inclusive), Goschen-street, Middlesbrough, aforesaid, with kitchen, scullery, yard, and out-buildings, and 2 bed-rooms.

Lot 5.

All that large and commodious DWELLING-HOUSE, situate and being No. 307, in Newport-road, Middlesbrough, with drawing-room, sitting-room, kitchen, scullery, yard and outbuildings; first floor, drawing room and 2 bed-rooms, second floor, 3 bed-rooms.

Lot 6.

All that DWELLING-HOUSE, being No. 315, Newport-road aforesaid, with drawing-room sitting-room, kitchen, scullery, yard, and outbuildings; first floor, 3 bed-rooms; second floor, 3 bed-rooms.

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1 to 25 Kitchen Utensils.
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33 Mahogany Chair, cane seat and back; Mahogany Bracket.
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37 Walnut-frame Suite, comprising settee, 2 easy chairs, and 6 small chairs; covered in tapestry, with plush borders.
38 Double Chamber Ware; 6 Cane-seat Chairs.
40 MASSIVE PAIR OF MAHOGANY DUCHESSE TABLES, jewel drawers, and glass attached; Marble-top Washstand; well made.
41 Mahogany Toilet Glass; Mahogany Chest of Drawers.
43 Brass and Iron French Bedstead and Wire Mattress.
44 Ebonised Jardiniere; Rosewood Card Table.
46 Pair Mahogany Duchesse Tables, jewel drawers and glass attached; Marble-top Washstand.
47 Walnut-frame Mirror; Rosewood Case containing dentist's instruments.
49 Satin Walnut Chest of Drawers, Velvet-top Table.
51 Mahogany-frame Suite, comprising couch, lady's and gent's easy chairs, and 6 small chairs, spring seats, covered in leather cloth.
52 4ft. Mahogany Sideboard, fitted with drawers and cupboards, looking-glass back over.
53 Mahogany Centre Table; Sewing Machine.
55 Pitch Pine Dressing Table and Washstand, with marble top.
56 Quantity of Bed-room Towels.
57 Bachelor's Painted Wardrobe, fitted with sliding trays and drawers.
58 Fender, Fire Irons, Ash Pan.
61 Gent's Dressing Bag Walnut Card Table.
63 Walnut-frame Suite, comprising couch, lady's and gent's easy chairs, and 6 small chairs, covered in tapestry.
64 Fancy China Clock, Pair of Plaques, Pair Vases.
67 6ft. WALNUT SIDEBOARD, fitted with drawers and cupboards, with looking-glass back over; well made.
68 Walnut-frame Mirror, with bevel plates.
69 Well-made LANCEWOOD BED-ROOM SUITE, comprising wardrobe, fitted with dress pegs and drawer under, with looking-glass centre door, dressing table with glass attached, marble-top washstand, 3 cane-seat chairs, pedestal, and towel rail.
70 BRASS AND IRON PARISIAN BEDSTEAD, with cretonne hangings and wire mattress; Rocking Chair.
72 Oak Hat and Umbrella Stand, pair of Oak Hall Chairs.
74 Oak-frame Dining-room Suite, comprising couch, lady's and gent's easy chairs, and 6 small chairs, spring seats, covered in figured skins.
75 Oak Pedestal Coal Vase, Marble Clock.
77 Oak Dining Table, with 2 loose leaves opening to 8ft.
78 6ft. OAK ENCLOSED SIDEBOARD, fitted with drawers, sliding trays, and cellarette, with large looking-glass back over; well made.
79 Walnut Mirror, with bevel-edge glass panels.
80 Mahogany Bookcase, with glazed doors and cupboard and drawers under.
81 Pair of Saddle Bag Easy Chairs.
82 Handsome and well-made WALNUT BED-ROOM SUITE, comprising wardrobe fitted with dress pegs, drawers, and cupboards, with looking-glass panelled door, dressing table with glass attached, marble-top washstand with tiled and glass panelled back, pedestal, 3 cane-seat chairs, and towel rail.
83 Silk Plush Curtains, Chamber Ware.
85 All-Brass PARISIAN BEDSTEAD, with cretonne hangings and wire mattress.
86 First-class Wall Settee, spring and curled-hair stuffed, covered in tapestry with plush borders.
87 Pair Japanese Trays, Chamber Ware.
89 HANDSOME PAIR OF WALNUT PEDESTAL DUCHESSE TABLES, the dressing table fitted with drawers in the pedestal and large cheval glass; Marble top Washstand, cupboards in the pedestals.
90 6ft. WALNUT WARDROBE, fitted with dress pegs, sliding trays, and drawers, with looking-glass centre door.
91 Satin-top Table, Rosewood Octagon Table.
92 HANDSOME WALNUT-FRAME SUITE, comprising 2 settees and 4 easy chairs; all spring and hair stuffed; covered in pale blue figured silk.
93 Walnut Occasional Table; Folding Table.
95 5ft. WALNUT CHINA CABINET, fitted with cupboards and drawers, with lofty looking-glass panelled back over.
96 POWERFUL-TONED 2 MANUAL HARMONIUM, with 22 stops and knee swells, by Alexandre.
97 Three-fold Decorated Screen; Pair Painted Mirrors
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100 Mahogany Table; Mahogany Toilet Glass.
101 Mahogany Hall Table; Mahogany Hall Chairs.
104 Musical Box, playing airs.
105 Easy Chair, morone velvet.
106 Pair Glass Bottles; pair Vases, pair Do.
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A SOCIETY has just been formed for the purpose of providing money to secure for curates of the Church of England a better training for their important duties than either all of them or a great portion of them receive at present. It is not, we believe, an increase of mere book learning or a fuller educational equipment which the promoters of this new society have in view; but rather the obtaining the means for young men entering upon clerical work of getting the special practical knowledge which their calling so greatly requires. No doubt a preliminary training which would be a sort of clerical technical education would be a great advantage to young men about to assume the functions of spiritual guides and religious instructors of their fellow men. In this respect as matters stand at present the young Church curate occupies a position very inferior to that of the young Nonconformist minister. If he has passed through a public school, and then with some credit through Oxford or Cambridge, he may be, and in many cases no doubt is, more finely educated than his reverend young brother of the neighbouring chapel. But as a rule he does not know how to handle his tools nearly so well. The very phrase "raw curate" which has become so common shows clearly enough that the laity feel the clumsiness and want of aptitude on the part of the youthful clergy. An attempt, it seems, is at last going to be made to take off a portion at least of this unsatisfactory rawness. Unfortunately, ripeness is generally the slow result of experience alone. Some time ago great hopes were raised as to the possibility of forcing the growth and hastening the mellow maturity of fruit by subjecting the plant day and night to the influence of the electric light. These hopes have been dashed. Nature in the case of fruit-growing quietly but peremptorily declined to allow the pace to be forced. It is questionable whether any more success will be likely to follow attempts artificially to force the fruit of practical wisdom and fitness which are the reward and outcome of the years that bring the "philosophic mind." But, at any rate, something may be done by judicious training. What that something will turn out to be it is difficult to say; but it is significant, as showing where the shoe pinches, that no sooner is it known that the above mentioned society is about to start operations than a general wish becomes articulate in the columns of newspapers that the society will above everything else teach the young curate how to preach. There are, however, clerical duties more important than that of preaching; but even if there were not, considering that really good preaching requires extensive knowledge both of men and books, and qualities of heart, and feeling and conviction, and even of taste, which only come with time, it is difficult to see how any society can make good preachers as by a lathe. It may secure a little elocutionary training, and things of that kind, but elocution, or "action, utterance, and power of speech," are but the vehicle. The treasure conveyed by the vehicle, where there is any treasure to convey, and which makes the sermon valuable, consists in the thought, the fervour, the good sense, and the human sympathy.

Unquestionably a large proportion of sermons are, intellectually, and oratorically considered, very poor stuff. But ought the preachers to be blamed? When it is remembered how many thousands of men are preaching sermons every Sunday, and when in connection with this it is also remembered how small a percentage of human beings are by nature original thinkers or eloquent orators, it surely should not be a matter of surprise that a large quantity of sermons are commonplace in thought, and dry or feeble in delivery. It has been recently said, and said, we believe, with a great deal of truth, that if young men of other professions (and, for the matter of that, if old men), lawyers, doctors, or even drapers and grocers, were required once or twice a week to publicly expound their views on points of their profession to an audience which had been in the habit of constantly listening to similar discourses, not many of these speakers would be able to interest or to impress their hearers. In this view of the case it certainly appears to be unreasonable to expect all preachers to preach in a way which is only possible to exceptionally gifted men. But, on the other hand, the preacher should bear in mind that the frequency of preaching and the familiarity of his hearers with pulpit sayings and pulpit methods render it imperative for him to try every honest means to give freshness and point to what he has got to say. If he does not try, or tries and does not succeed, it is right that he should know that his sermon, instead of falling like dew upon human hearts to quicken the growth of what is good, falls like a shovelful of ashes. The phrases he uses lost their potency a long time ago. But what more than anything else probably tends to produce pulpit dogmatism and poverty of thought at the same time is, that the preacher has it all his own way. No one interrupts or calls out "question;" no one rises to correct a misstatement or to expose a misrepresentation of an opponent. At the close of the discourse no opposition speaker ascends the rostrum to answer the preacher's arguments. Most certainly it would never do to render preaching in church like a debate in the House of Commons, for though the change might make the preacher more careful about his teaching and arguments it would destroy all practical good. But the public teacher who holds the unique position of having what he says accepted without criticism ought to take all the more pains to reason with the strictest fairness. As he has no one to play the part for him that Phocion played for Demosthenes, and be the pruning-hook of his periods, he should all the more try to speak so that no pruning-hook is needed.

But perhaps the best change preachers could make would be to refrain, except occasionally and at special times, from discussing the intellectual or argumentative aspects of religious subjects. If they possess the qualification and aptness for this kind of work it might be done in a series of lectures or in classes for instruction and discussion. But on Sundays the prime object of the preacher should be to call into activity the beliefs which lie dormant in the minds of his hearers, and this can best be done by plain and simple exhortation and appeal. To those who are really grappling with theological difficulties few things are less helpful than sermons which profess to deal with such questions, while to other persons nothing can be more wearying. And it is altogether a mistake to suppose that practical exhortation is much easier than the highly argumentative or the artistically finished style. For the matter of that, the exhortation may be artistically finished. On the contrary, the intellectual treatment of religious subjects is for most people easier than the practical treatment, The latter requires qualities of heart in the preacher which are rarer and more difficult to obtain than the mental interest in questions and the knowledge requisite for talking about them. One thing is certain—that with changing conditions of life and thought preaching will have to alter its character if it is to continue to be either an attraction or a force. If it were diminished in volume it would be increased in power. But all other improvements would follow if only preachers would cease talking twaddle, and give over trying to be clever.

"DRINK is at the bottom of almost everything that is bad." So said Mr Justice Hawkins when opening the Monmouth Assizes this week. His experience has convinced him that 80 per cent. of the crime in this country is due to the influence of drink.

Two political meetings held last night remind us that the Liberals of the North of England have still seats to win. Mr Frank Pyman at East Ayton gave fresh evidence of his courage and determination as the candidate for Whitby. Mr Richardson at Hurworth proved once more his special claims and qualifications as the champion of Liberalism in opposition to Sir Henry Havelock-Allan in South-East Durham.

WE sincerely hope the Silksworth evictions will never be resumed. The pause in the operations secured by the lapse of the evicting orders ought to be employed in negotiation for peace; and Mr Palmer, the secretary of the Silksworth Lodge, is to be commended for his prompt and explicit acceptance of the mediation offered by the Mayor of Sunderland. The Owners' Association will, we trust, show a similar readiness to come to terms. It would be a cheap mode of settlement for them even if they were themselves to pay the arrears of the deputies. The miners, it will be seen, are willing to let the future relations of the deputies be a subject of discussion and arrangement between the Coalowners' Association and the Miners' Union.

ANOTHER highly commendable manifestation of public spirit has been made in Stockton. The offer of Mr F. Brown, Mr W. Whitwell, and Mr J. Cradock to provide a site for the proposed technical school is both generous and timely. It is eminently fitted to give a good start to the educational scheme made possible by the grants for the promotion of technical instruction, and it encourages the Council and people of Stockton to aim high. An efficient well-equipped technical school is needed in all our industrial centres; and it will be found an admirable and a good-paying investment in Stockton if it is established on the broad and comprehensive basis recommended by the generous offerers of a free and suitable site.

THE mortality returns have lately been showing an exceptionally high death-rate, and Middlesbrough seems to have suffered as much as other towns. Undoubtedly, the unsatisfactory water supply provided for the population of Tees-side has, by contributing to if not creating the typhoid epidemic, helped to increase the returns for Middlesbrough, and Councillor Keay's urgent demand at the meeting of the Sanitary Committee—that more efficient precautions at the supposed source of pollution should be taken without delay—will command general sympathy. But, while immediate protection should as far as possible be obtained, let there be no delay in the introduction of the gravitation scheme. The new pure water cannot be brought into our midst a day too soon.

THERE seems some ground for believing that the Empress Frederick stayed longer in Paris than was prudent, but it would be wrong to regard the surly criticisms of the journals representing the dissidence of social and political disaffection as expressions of the real sentiments of the Parisians. Doubtless Her Majesty is safer at Windsor than in the French capital, but she has little reason, and, happily, no disposition, to complain of lack of politeness on the part of the French people. Probably, however, if she had left in the beginning of the present week, as she had originally arranged, there would have been less disagreement as to the success of her visit, and the representation of the French artists at the Berlin Exhibition would have been greater than it is now likely to be since a misguided "patriotism" has preached the doctrine of a boycott.

WE cordially commend the scheme proposed by the Secretary of the Cleveland Football Association for the establishment of Football and Cricket Institutions. The objects in view are first, to make the players of our popular outdoor games independent of the public-house; and, second, to free these manly sports from demoralising associations that have in many subtly cases insinuated themselves. As we understand the Cleveland Secretary's scheme, it is an effort, trusting for its success to the voluntary action of the ardent players of our national games, to promote sobriety and other virtues—to provide meeting places for the transaction of business, or for friendly conference and recreation, and accommodation for dressing, under conditions entirely free from the temptation to drink and from connection with the drinking customs of the day. The institutions proposed would be conducted on strictly temperance principles, for the comfort and convenience of the players and their friends; and their establishment would certainly be a great step in advance in the direction of moral reform. But we may fairly expect it to be accompanied by other reforms. Already football and cricket are distinguished from the turf by their comparative immunity from the betting mania. That immunity should be made still stricter and more complete. What is needed is the growth of a sentiment among football and cricket players that to connect betting with either game is disloyal to its best traditions, and dishonouring to the players. Just as the increasing self-respect of the industrial classes is teaching them to disassociate rudeness of manner and of speech from manly and honest toil, and to aspire to make the workshop the nursery of the virtues—the birthplace and school of a true aristocracy, so football and cricket players, as they love their games and respect themselves, will strive to keep outdoor sport free from all debasing entanglements. The true object of all learning and exercise ought to be the development of the sound mind and the sound body in combination, and our popular athletic sports ought to be so conducted as to make them directly contribute to the fulfilment of this twofold function. The remedy for existing evils lies with the players themselves; and we sincerely trust the many clubs and their hundreds of thousands of members in the North of England will promptly and heartily support the reform initiated by Mr Reed.

A TERRIBLE SHOWER OF HOT METAL.

A terrible accident occurred yesterday at some ironworks at Pottstown, in Pennsylvania. An explosion of gas caused several tons of hot metal to float from the converter and fall in a shower upon the workmen beneath. Fifteen of the unfortunate men were terribly burned, two so severely that they will probably succumb to their injuries.

A MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

A disastrous fire, attended by fatal results, occurred on Thursday night at a house in the hamlet of Salvages, near Castres, France. The occupants were fast asleep when the alarm was given, and had difficulty in escaping. The stairs were burning, and the people had to jump for their lives through the windows. Fortunately the house was a low one, and no one was much the worse for the leap. It was believed that every one in the house had been saved, but when the flames were got under there was discovered under a heap of *débris* three calcined corpses, those of a young woman and her two children.

THE BACCARAT SCANDAL.

A correspondence between the solicitors for the defendants in the baccarat case and the solicitors for Sir Wm. Gordon-Cumming has been made public, from which it appears that the latter refuses to have the matter referred to the decision of three independent men of known position and honour, but will let the case come before the courts in the ordinary way.

EXTRAORDINARY OFFER BY A COALOWNER.

Yesterday an extraordinary offer was made by one of the largest colliery owners in Warwickshire. He offers £500 to any person who will find one hundred colliers who will bind themselves to work for twelve months, and he guarantees them a wage of four and elevenpence per day, and pledges himself that no "stint" shall reach seven hours' work.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE EARL OF WESTMEATH.

The Earl of Westmeath died suddenly yesterday while out walking, at Chale, near Ventnor. He was present at a hunt breakfast given in the morning by Colonel Browne at Brightstone, but he preferred a walk to following the hounds. He was walking from Brightstone to Shanklin with Captain Sinclair Grafton, when he suddenly fell in the road and expired immediately. He only attained his majority last month.

THE TIPPERARY RIOT TRIALS.

The defendants in the riot cases arising out of the recent Tipperary conspiracy prosecutions, which were adjourned at the last winter assizes, and in which Mr John Morley, M.P., and other English members of Parliament are to give evidence for the defence, were yesterday served with notices intimating that the hearing of the charges would be by special jury, and that the venue would be changed to Cork. The date of hearing is fixed for March 21.

TO BE MARRIED WITHIN FIVE YEARS.
THOUSANDS OF OFFERS.

A telegram from Ann Arbor, Michigan (U.S.), tells the following story:—In 1888 the uncle of James L. Babcock, a young business man of this city, died and left him £100,000 on condition that he should marry within five years. The details of the will were published, and ever since Mr Babcock has received thousands of letters each year from every part of the world offering marriage. So great has been the nuisance that Mr Babcock has now announced his engagement to Miss James, the daughter of a merchant at Waukesha, Wisconsin, and begs that the ladies who are constantly offering themselves may cease their efforts. Some time since Mr Babcock threatened to publish the love letters he received if they were not discontinued, but this had no effect.

Operations were commenced at Blackpool yesterday for laying the foundation of the projected "Eiffel" Tower. The Tower Company has been registered with a capital of £160,000.

TO ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING from chronic Kidney and Liver diseases, Diabetes or Bright's disease, or any derangements of the human body, nervous weakness, general debility, lassitude, loss of memory, want of brain power. To introduce it I will send genuine information free of charge of a new cheap and sure cure, the simplest remedy on earth, discovered in the Mississippi Valley. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to James Holland, 52, Hart-street, High Holborn, London. Mention this paper.—ADVT.

THROAT IRRITATION AND COUGH.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes 7½d, tins 1s 1½d, labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Dr. Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat Diseases," says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared by James Epps and Co. are of undoubted service as a curative or palliative agent;" while Dr. Gordon Holmes, Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit in almost all forms of throat disease."—ADVT.

HAVE YOU PAIN?—Sufferers from Gravel, Lumbago, Piles, Pains in the Back, Dropsy, Wind and Water Complaints, Diseases of Kidneys, Bladder, Urinary Organs, Stone, Gleet, Stricture, Sciatica, Rheumatism, and Sleeplessness will find a positive cure in Holdroyd's Gravel Pills. Try a small box, and if not satisfied your money will be returned. Price 1s 1½d and 2s 9d (less than 1d per dose). Of all Chemists, or post free for 12 stamps, from Holdroyd's Medical Hall Cleckheaton, Yorks. Don't be put off. If you cannot get them write to the Proprietor, and a box will be sent post free. Sold by Goodall, Backhouse, and Co., Leeds; and Taylor's Drug Stores.—ADVT.

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KAY'S COMPOUND, for Coughs and Colds, Asthma and Bronchitis are immediately relieved.—ADVT.

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GOOD LUCK.—Buy your Wedding Ring from Poole, Middlesbrough, and ensure an elegant present to every purchaser.—ADVT.

LONDON NOTES.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE AND EXTRACTS. LONDON, Satur

Certain influential supporters of the
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in the debate on the second reading of the
Bill. A rumour almost incredible
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I understand that Mr Thomas Burt has
taken to move an amendment to the
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and Durham.

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miralty buildings is not very
already apparent that the original
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appears that the work cannot be
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THE SHIPPING DISP

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SCOTCH M.P.'S DIVORCE CASE.

Yesterday Wm. Henry Shiels, co-defender in Mr [illegible] Brown's divorce suit, was examined regarding his visits and correspondence with Mrs Brown. He said he had a great regard for her, but there had never been any misconduct between them. He had been at the theatre with her, and kissed her. She frequently spoke and wrote [illegible] about her husband bullying her. She [illegible] sympathised with witness when he was in [illegible] adversity.—Proof then closed.

MR HARRINGTON'S LIBEL ACTION.

A VERDICT FOR £5.

The hearing of the action brought by Mr Timothy Harrington, M.P., one of the joint secretaries of the Irish National League, against Mr J. J. Lalor, publisher of the *Insuppressible* newspaper, was resumed yesterday before Mr Justice Harrison and a special jury. The action was to recover £1,000 damages for libels alleged to have been contained in two articles published in January last in the *Insuppressible*. It was there alleged that Mr Harrington had kept back money collected for the evicted tenants to induce Messrs Kenney and Webb to acknowledge the National League meeting, because they had nothing else to acknowledge, and it was stated that he had kept back the money while cheques for evicted tenants were being returned dishonoured. The jury returned a verdict for Mr Harrington; damages £5 with costs. Mr Harrington was loudly cheered, and Mr Healy loudly groaned on leaving the court.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE AT STOCKTON.

A GENEROUS OFFER.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Town Hall, Stockton, a conference of representatives of various authorities in the borough assembled to discuss the question of technical education, with special reference to the amount that may be received from the County Council Technical Education Fund, and how it should be applied. The Mayor (Mr R. H. Appleton, J.P.) presided, and in opening the proceedings read a letter from Mr F. Brown, Mr W. Whitwell, and Mr J. Cradock, stating that they understood the grant to Stockton would be about £1,000 per annum, no part of which might be devoted to the assistance of any elementary school already receiving Government grants, nor to schools conducted as a private venture. The money must, according to the Technical Instruction Act, be used only for giving instruction in science and art applicable to industries, and to the acquirement of foreign languages for commercial purposes. Seeing that Stockton was the only town in South Durham which did not possess a public school for the education of the trading and commercial classes it seemed incumbent that an effort should be made to found such a school, by which means the money allocated under the Act could be secured. Mr Whitwell, Mr Cradock, and himself would give to the town the land at the corner of Lorne-terrace and Cranbourne-street, containing an area of about 3,100 square yards, as the site for such a school. (Hear, hear.) It would probably be necessary to open a public subscription list to carry out that project. Their only stipulations would be:—1. That the premises be well adapted to the requirements of modern technical education, and that a laboratory and science lecture-room be an essential part of the plan. 2. That the school be conducted on a non-sectarian basis, and managed by governors recommended by the various public bodies in the Parliamentary borough, in whom the property should be vested.—Councillor SAMUEL, as a member of the County Council, explained the position of the question as far as that body was concerned. No decision had yet been come to by them as to how the money should be allocated. He moved that they recommend the Town Council to consider the desirability of forthwith adopting the Technical Instruction Act of 1889 for the borough. The Act must be adopted before the town could claim any money.—Mr W. [illegible], J.P., seconded.—Alderman RICH[illegible], J.P., Councillor LANGLEY, Mr JAS. [illegible], and others made a few remarks in support of the proposal.—Alderman [illegible], J.P., advocated a scheme for a central building where the whole of the science classes and art education should be under one roof. He believed there would be no difficulty in raising by means of the grant, public subscriptions, and fees, sufficient sum to maintain the school.—Mr J. Cradock, J.P., said that the sole object of Mr Brown, Mr Whitwell, and himself in offering the site for the school was to benefit the town. He was strongly of opinion that whatever money came to Stockton should be used in a consolidated form. Don't let them have a second-rate scheme but the best they could possibly have for the money. The fees would not be beyond the reach of any working man.—The resolution was then unanimously adopted.—The Mayor moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr F. Brown, Mr W. Whitwell, and Mr Cradock for their generous offer.—Councillor LANGLEY seconded, and it was carried.—A vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding concluded the Conference.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons yesterday Sir E. Reed asked whether the attention of the Home Secretary had been called to the complaints by the workmen on strike at Cardiff, and to the conduct of the stipendiary magistrate, who was the brother of the gentlemen with whom the workmen were chiefly at strife, and whether another magistrate might not be temporarily appointed.—Mr MATTHEWS said that there had been a complaint made, but the terms of it were so vague that they did not admit of any reply. There was no reason to doubt that the Stipendiary was strictly impartial. Since January 30 there had been 37 cases dealt with.

THE MIDNIGHT FUNERAL NEAR LICHFIELD.

Mr [illegible] HILL asked whether the Home Secretary would communicate with the Magistrates of Lichfield as to the impropriety of the granting of extra time to public-houses on the occasion of the midnight funeral of the late Colonel Richard Scott.—Mr MATTHEWS said that the house which was kept open was one opposite the church at which the funeral took place, and it was so kept open for the convenience of persons coming from a distance. He saw no reason to question the propriety of the magistrates' decision. He was informed that all was quiet at this particular hour, and the Chief Constable informed him further that the published accounts of disorderly scenes were much exaggerated.

[illegible] OF LIGHT RAILWAYS IN IRELAND.

In reply to Mr SEXTON, who asked whether the Chief Secretary was aware that great disappointment had arisen in connection with the construction of light railways in Ireland owing to the fact that employment is given at the decision of the engineers, who were strangers to the district, and whether the Government would arrange that employment should be given upon lists made up by local officials, Mr BALFOUR said he did not think the right hon. gentleman was rightly informed. He thought that men not bound by any local tie would be much more likely to act disinterestedly than any local official.

THE EIGHT HOURS' BILL.

Mr PICKARD asked the First Lord of the Treasury whether he could now state a day for the debate on the second reading of the Miners' Eight Hours' Bill.—Mr W. H. SMITH said the Government could not advance the consideration of this measure until after Easter, and it would be seen that under those circumstances he was not in a position to answer the question.

THE ISSUE OF BANK NOTES.

Mr AIK[illegible] asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer if he would state whether it was his intention to propose any change to the existing issues of bank notes this session.—Mr GOSCHEN said that in his recent reference he had made no special reference to the issue of notes by any other bank than the Bank of England, and having said so much he was unwilling to commit himself to any extent or to the policy of the Government.

PUBLIC BUSINESS.

In reply to questions by Mr Gladstone and others, Mr W. H. SMITH said if all the moneys required for the Army were voted that night the Navy Estimates would be taken on Monday. Supply would be the business on Government night. He hoped to make some progress with the Irish Land Purchase Bill before Easter.

LAND TAXATION.

On the motion for going into Committee of Supply, Mr PICKARD moved as an amendment that land was insufficiently taxed, and ought to pay more. Our imperial and local taxation amounted to £125,000,000 sterling, to which he calculated that land contributed not more than [illegible]. There would be no difficulty in increasing land taxation. Justice and policy required that the occupier should, at the expense of the owner, be relieved of some portion of the burden he had now to bear. Vacant land ought to be taxed, because otherwise a direct premium was offered to keep it out of the market.—Mr J. [illegible] seconded the motion, to which Mr CHAPLIN replied that so far from land being insufficiently taxed as compared with personalty, the contrary was the case, and he thought there was a case for relieving land of some of its burdens.—Mr GLADSTONE spoke of the great gift which the Chancellor of the Exchequer had made to the landowners, and declared that on the plainest grounds of justice there should be a large addition to the Death Duties. Under the present system, he said, the owners of ground rents enjoyed an unjust exemption from rates. The right hon. gentleman thought that this motion was only keeping up a protest which it was the duty of the House to make with regard to the incidence [illegible].—The motion was rejected by 128 votes to 77.

COUNTED OUT.

Mr MORTON called attention to the expediency of establishing Boards of Arbitrators for the settlement of trade disputes throughout the kingdom, and while Sir M. Hicks-Beach was replying to his arguments the House was counted out.

All who appreciate a really good cup of Cocoa should try Messrs F[illegible] SON's Pure Concentrated Cocoa. Sir C. A. Cameron, M.D., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, says:—"I have never tasted Cocoa I like so well. . . . There are those who do not like this preparation." Ask for Fry's Pure Concentrated Cocoa.—ADVT

COLMAN'S SINAPISM.—The Improved Mustard Plaster; three for seven stamps. All chemists and J. & J. Colman's, 108, Cannon-street, London.—ADVT

HOW TO SAVE MONEY.—Send your Umbrellas to W. A. Watson, The Hatter, to be re-covered; prices from 2s 6d. Satisfaction guaranteed. F. H. O.—ADVT

KAY'S COMPOUND Essence of Linseed, Aniseed, Senega, Squill, Tolu, with Chlorodyne, 9½d.—ADVT

THE SCHEME FOR A FOOTBALL INSTITUTE.

THE BASIS OF THE PROPOSAL.

The circular issued by Mr J. Reed, junr., a copy of which appeared in the *North-Eastern Daily Gazette* of yesterday, has aroused the liveliest interest among all followers of England's national games in the district, and with a view to gaining some information respecting the proposed scheme our representative waited on Mr Reed last evening, and in the course of a pleasant chat elicited some interesting particulars, as the following questions put and answered will show:—

What are your grounds for supposing that there is an immediate necessity for establishing a football and cricket institute?—I think that if the proposals I have made were adopted they would tend to raise the moral tone of football players and supporters, and more particularly the younger players of the district. The institute would if opened offer facilities for both home and visiting players which are at present only obtainable at public-houses. As an illustration of the need of such a home I may state that only a short time ago I referred, in a Junior Cup tie, where players under 18 were taking part. They had to change at a public-house, and two-thirds of the youngsters indulged in spirituous liquors before the match. After the game was over they returned to the public-house with the other players, when they again partook freely of intoxicating drinks. My friend exclaimed at the sight, "Good God, and I have two lads commencing to play football. What shall I do." This is only one out of many instances of a like character that have come under my notice. In some cases the players dress on the field or walk away in their football attire, which is very often wringing with perspiration, and they thereby greatly endanger their health. The committees of the various clubs nearly all meet at hotels, and players and members of clubs are in consequence attracted towards those places, while others congregate outside, and casual passers-by are often shocked at hearing language that is very much the reverse of polite. A permanent place for committee meetings and also to be utilised as a place of resort not only for players, but club members generally, would I think go a long way towards checking these growing evils.

On what lines do you think of establishing the institute, should your proposals be favourably received?—A head committee would be appointed whose authority in all matters of management would be absolute, but the members would have the privilege of electing monthly three or four of their number to control the conduct of the house, something on the lines adopted at the large public schools of Rugby and Eton. I would allow the clergy and ministers and representative men of the town to have access at their leisure. We should want as few rules as possible, and would expect the members to act with gentleness and courtesy one to another. Bad language or intemperance would not be tolerated. If possible in course of time a savings bank might be established and other means adopted of improving or helping members to attain a higher social and moral position in life.

What advantages will clubs in the town reap by upholding such an institute, and what benefit will it be to visiting clubs?—Club executives already acknowledge that it is essential that players should lead an abstemious life, and that there should be a place always open where they could go and get healthy recreation. It follows that their obligation to the members is almost as great as to the players, and these committee and recreation rooms seem to me to be the proper means of advancing the ideas prevalent to fill a want in this direction. Visiting clubs would know that there was a place for dressing, and where they would get tea at moderate tariff. Baths and other comforts would be provided.

How do you propose maintaining the institute, supposing you get it afloat?—With the co-operation of the Cleveland Football Association and the leading clubs of the town, the matter of the rent could be easily arranged. The Cleveland Association, like similar bodies, ought to have a permanent place in which to conduct their business. For the two clubs of the town special accommodation might be provided at fixed rents. Minor and junior clubs affiliated with the Association to pay a slightly higher subscription than the one at present paid to the Association. Country clubs at a reduced subscription. If possible no subscription from individual members of clubs, but if needed a very small one, say a shilling per annum, would be about the limit, so as not to debar anyone from joining.

I can quite see the great benefit such an institution would be; but do you think visiting clubs would avail themselves of the quarters you propose providing in place of going to a public-house?—I think so, and my reason is that they would always find congenial company, that they would be able to effect a saving in the matter of refreshments, and if they were visiting any club affiliated with the Association the probability is that they would not be charged for anything beyond the refreshments. Some social entertainment might be provided to fill up the time pleasantly for the visiting club after the match.

What kind of a building do you think of taking?—That is a matter for future consideration, as it depends greatly upon the support the proposal receives, but I think the scheme is so likely to be successful that a large building would be required in a central position, and easy of access for visiting teams.

You speak of getting over the difficulty of furnishing the proposed institute by the leading district clubs playing benefit matches. Do you think they would do anything of the kind, seeing that Middlesbrough is to reap the greatest benefit from the opening of such a place?—If the clubs in the Cleveland district refuse to help such a cause they would stand alone, as it is quite common in other parts of the country to help causes of a like nature. In this district the clubs have always been willing to help where help was needed, and I do not think there would be any difficulty in this direction. If the general outline of the scheme is adopted by the Association clubs' players and supporters the money for furnishing will be got with a rush. The proceeds from one or two big matches would realise enough. I should like the place to be fitted up in the most attractive manner possible, and would permit games, but no gambling; billiards, gymnasium (if sufficient accommodation), and a reading-room. I have little fear but that the ladies and tradesmen of Middlesbrough will not be slow in following in the footsteps of the ladies and tradesmen of Stockton in helping in this work of removing a growing evil.

If successful in Middlesbrough you think similar institutions might be established in other towns in the district, but how are they to find the funds to start with?—The clubs in the district cannot go on for ever playing benefit matches in order to provide money to start such places in each and every town.—I hope that we shall be able from this central institution to form branches in some of the larger towns in the district, and in the smaller towns and villages to utilise existing coffee and parish rooms. I don't think that we shall want benefit matches for ever, but if we had one yearly what would that be in comparison with the certain excellent results which would accrue from the establishment of such an institute and its branches?

Have the Cleveland Football Council yet considered the project?—No, I have not yet mooted the matter to them as a body, because I wanted to go before them with a scheme that had already received general support. There is a danger in the commencement of these undertakings being shelved or adjourned from time to time until the interest necessary to carry the thing to a successful issue diminishes.

How do you think they would successfully control such an institution?—The scheme is as yet open for suggestions, and I will be pleased to receive same from anyone interested.

Is the institution going to be self-supporting?—Yes. I think it will be more than self-supporting. The number of members connected with clubs belonging the town are counted by the thousand, and a small levy of a shilling per annum would more than meet the expenses. The scheme is not being formulated for the special advantage of any particular club in the town. It will be entirely for the benefit of all players and club members, and from conversation with several leading players they seem to be strongly impressed with the idea that in helping to carry out the scheme they would be only helping themselves.

THE NEW BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

Dr. Randall Davison was formally elected Bishop of Rochester in the Cathedral this morning.

GENERAL BOULANGER.

A telegram from Paris says:—It is reported that General Boulanger, taking advantage of the present excitement, has decided to issue an anti-German manifesto.

THE SCOTCH BLAST-FURNACE-MEN'S STRIKE.

200 MEN TO BE EVICTED.

At the Airdrie Sheriff's Court yesterday over two hundred blast-furnacemen on strike at Gartsherrie, Summerlee, and Calder were ordered to be evicted from their houses within eight days. The men, who have been on strike twenty weeks, are determined not to move unless by force.

DEATH OF AN EMINENT ENGINEER.

Sir Joseph Bazalgetti, C.B., died at his residence, Ridgeway, Wimbledon, yesterday afternoon, from a cardiac affection, his death being accelerated by the recent severe weather. The deceased knight was engineer to the Metropolitan Board of Works from its creation in 1856 to 1888, when it became merged in the County Council. He is best known in connection with the great scheme of main drainage of the metropolis which he completed between 1858 and 1865. He also designed Victoria, Albert, and Chelsea Embankments, and many other metropolitan improvements. He was born at Enfield in 1819. He was created a Companion of the Bath in 1874. In politics he was a Conservative, and was vice-president of the Wimbledon Conservative Association.

The inhabitants of Stockton and district will save money by making an early inspection of F. Cowley's select assortment of Watches and Jewellery 131, High-street, Stockton.—ADVT

COAGULINE.—Cement for Broken Articles, 6d and 1s; postage, 2d. Sold everywhere.—ADVT

VIENNA REGULATORS.—Collingwood and Son have just received a large consignment, 25 per cent. below usual prices. Corner of Linthorpe and Corporation Roads.—ADVT

SERIOUS CONFLICT AT THE LONDON DOCKS.

Last night a mob of firemen and sailors, who had been paid off from various ships at London Docks during the day, with a number of coal porters on strike, attempted to board the Shipping Federation steamer Scotland. They were armed with sticks and bars of iron, and a serious conflict ensued, in which it is stated several persons received injury. Some of the Federation men carried revolvers, from which they fired blank cartridges. A number of police soon arrived on the scene, and put an end to the riot, but not before the Federation men had thrown several of their assailants into the dock, from which they were rescued with difficulty. The police arrested eight men. The occurrence created much excitement in the vicinity of the docks.

THE DEATH IN A GATESHEAD LODGING-HOUSE.

At Gateshead yesterday Walter McArthur, an old pensioner, was acquitted of the charge of being concerned in the death of Jane Robinson, who was found dead in a lodging-house last Monday with her skull fractured.

ACCIDENTS IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

The Hon. Mrs Albert Brassey was thrown from her horse while hunting with the Heythrop hounds yesterday, one rib being broken.—Captain Beuyon, of Banbury, had his collar-bone broken while hunting with the Warwickshire hounds.

THE IMPRISONMENT OF MESSRS DILLON AND O'BRIEN.

Messrs Dillon and O'Brien, M.P.'s, are still in the infirmary at Galway Gaol, and are there supplied with writing materials and books. They have expressed satisfaction with their prison treatment, and are in good spirits.

THE REGISTRATION OF MIDWIVES.

Lord Cranbrook, replying to a deputation from the Ladies' Nursing Society and other institutions, headed by the Countess of Aberdeen and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, who attended in favour of Mr Pease's Bill to require the examination and registration of midwives, expressed his sympathy with the object of the deputation, but said the Bill was an impossible one. He doubted whether any effective registration could be adopted without the co-operation of the medical profession, but much might be done by voluntary systems.

THE JUDICIAL SCANDAL.

MORE ECCENTRICITIES.

At the close of the criminal business at the Surrey Assizes at Guildford on Thursday two young fellows were indicted, before Mr Justice Stephen, for housebreaking. One witness was giving evidence, when counsel, a junior barrister, believing he was speaking too rapidly, said, "Go slowly; watch his lordship's pen." This was too much for Justice Stephen, who, looking very angry and speaking in grave tones, addressed the learned counsel as follows:—"That is the grossest insult that could be offered to me personally, and a gross contempt of Court. The last man I committed for contempt of Court is in gaol now. Be careful not to say that again." Singularly enough, at the conclusion of the evidence the learned Judge began to sum up the case to the jury, when someone on the bench reminded him that the accused had not been called upon for their defence. Prisoners eventually were sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment each.

THE WHITECHAPEL INQUEST.

THE VERDICT.

Yesterday morning Mr Baxter resumed the inquest concerning the murder of Frances Coles, the last Whitechapel victim.—Thos. Johnson, seaman, said that he had been taken to Leman-street police station, and there identified Sadler as the man he had seen leaving the Sailors' Home, Well-street, after having sold a knife to a man named Duncan Campbell on the Friday morning.—Detective-Inspector Moore deposed that when formally charged on Sunday, the 15th inst., Sadler said, "The old man has made a mistake about the knife. I never saw him before." When being removed to the cells he added, "Make it as light as you can, gentlemen."—Ellen Calloran said that at about half-past one on Friday morning she and deceased, Frances Coles, met a man in Commercial street. He spoke to witness. He was a short man, with a moustache. It was not Sadler, whom witness had seen earlier in the day. Witness refused to go with the man, and he then spoke to deceased, who consented to go with him, and walked away with him towards the Minories. Witness advised her not to go with the man, but Coles said she should.—Wm. Friday, carman, said that at about ten minutes to two on the Friday morning he saw a man and woman together in Royal Mint-street, 50 yards from Swallow Gardens. He was going to speak to the woman, as he thought she was Kate McCarthy, but he found it was someone else. The woman was dressed in black, and had a crape hat.—Kate McCarthy, who was called, said she was talking to a man named Fowles at the time referred to by the last witness. She saw Friday pass by.—Fowles corroborated the witness, and this concluded the evidence, and after an adjournment for luncheon, the Coroner proceeded to sum up. After narrating the circumstances connected with the discovery of the murder, and the connection between the deceased and the accused man Sadler, the Coroner asked the question whether Sadler was guilty. He pointed out that the statement made by Sadler, although it inverted the order of some events, was corroborated by witnesses, and bore the impress of truth so far as a drunken man could remember. The condition in which the man was seen after the event, with blood on his face and hands, carried with it some suspicion that he might have been engaged in commission of a murderous attack, but the wounds which he was known to have sustained earlier in the evening sufficiently disposed of that. With regard to the alleged sale of the knife to Campbell, the Coroner said that it had not been proved that there were blood stains on the knife. It might be added that Campbell appeared to have been rather imaginative, not to say mystical. In favour of Sadler's innocence it was noteworthy that Sadler and deceased had not been proved to have been together since about midnight, or half an hour later. At considerable length the evidence for and against Sadler was carefully sifted, it being pointed out that if Dr. Oxley's opinion was sound, Sadler at the time of the murder was physically incapable of committing the crime, even if he had desired to do so.—The jury returned a verdict of "Murder against some person or persons unknown." The jury added that the police had done their duty in detaining Sadler.

DURHAM ASSIZES.

FRIDAY.

THE TUDHOE GRANGE COLLISION.

Mr Vincent, the owner of an omnibus driven between Croxdale and Spennymoor, sought to recover damages from the defendant, Armstrong, who is a butcher, owing to a collision, in which complainant's horse received such injuries that it died.—His lordship gave judgment for £20 for the horse, the veterinary surgeon's expenses, amounting to £3 1s 6d, and the costs.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER AT THORNLEY.

In the Crown Court, before Mr Justice Mathew, Robert Spence, 41, miner, was charged with the manslaughter of Jane Spence, his wife, at Thornley, on January 17th.—Evidence having been given, the jury, by his lordship's direction, found the accused not guilty, and Spence was discharged.

FORGERY AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

Thos. Posgate Thompson, 42, plumber, pleaded guilty to unlawfully uttering and putting off a certain bill of exchange for £3 10s, well knowing the same to be forged, with intent to cheat and defraud Ralph Henske of the sum of £24s, at South Shields, on August 16th, and to two other charges.—Nine months' hard labour.

THEFT AT CONSETT.

James Hagan, 52, labourer, was charged with stealing a pair of boots, the property of William Gillespy and Sons, at Consett, on February 2nd. Mr Granger prosecuted.—Three months' hard labour.

TRADES UNION CASE AT SHIELDS.

William James Marshall, on bail, was indicted for stealing a bag containing various articles, the property of Richard Doyle, at South Shields, on February 14th.—The prisoner, it was said, had assaulted a seaman who belonged to the Federation, and knocked his bag off his back twice or thrice. Ultimately it was missing, and the suggestion was that prisoner was the man who took it away.—Accused was acquitted.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER AT JARROW.

Samuel Wraith Humphrey (on bail), a boy, was charged with the manslaughter of William Thomas Clark at Jarrow on December 12th. It was so apparent that the affair was an accident that the jury stopped the case, and the lad was discharged. The Judge expressed his astonishment that the lad had been detained in custody for ten days before being committed for trial. The police might have thought it their duty to oppose bail, but where were the magistrates?

THE NORTH-EASTERN WEEKLY GAZETTE.—The chief features of the *North-Eastern Weekly Gazette* for February 28th are:—Serial Story, "Mystery of Waterside"—Complete Stories, "Dick Gradley's Ill luck," "The Eight of Hearts," and "The Broker's Young Wife"—Full reports of the week's doings at Silksworth, by our own Reporter—Reading for Ladies—Humorous Selections—Gems of Thought—Local and District Notes—Topics of the Week, by the Editor—and all the Local and General News of the Week.

"Less than one Box of DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS cured me and my wife of a most distressing cough." (Signed) T. Wareing, Deepdale, Mill-street, Preston. In Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, and Rheumatism the Wafers give instant relief, a rapid cure, and taste pleasantly. Sold at 1s 1½d and 2s 9d per box by all Druggists.—ADVT 5R

KAY'S COMPOUND, a demulcent anodyne expectorant for Coughs, 9½d, 13½d. All Chemists.—ADVT

The Editor of the *Medical Annual* for 1890 points out that potash is largely used to add to the solubility of many of the Cocoas at present sold, but that, in marked contrast, MESSRS CADBURY supply an absolutely pure Cocoa of the highest quality; and that the name CADBURY on any packet of Cocoa or Chocolate is a guarantee of purity.—ADVT 1

"SAPO-LINI," containing Linseed Jelly, is a perfumed Emulsive Toilet Soap. Of Chemists.—ADVT

THE SILKSWORTH STRUGGLE.

CESSATION OF THE EVICTIONS.

Contrary to expectations, the whole of what are called the fourth batch of eviction warrants were got through yesterday afternoon. A number of the houses had to be passed over on account of persons being sick in them. For instance in West-street, in the house of Fred Raymond, an old lady was said to be sick, but there was no certificate, and the emergency men proceeded to remove the furniture. Meanwhile her son went off post haste, and before the eviction was completed he returned with the necessary certificate, and the furniture was put back into the house again. The house of Oyston Saddler, in Henry-street, defied every effort of the bailiffs for some time. The next door was an empty house, and the bailiffs went through it, and assailed the back door of Oyston's, and thus gained admittance. On the front was chalked the following lesson for the evictors:—"Gladstone for ever! No road for candymen in here. True to death. Signed, McGinty." At the house of Thos. Stephenson, in Henry-street, the evictors found no trouble, the door being open for them to walk in. In other two cases the doors were left open.

COMPENSATION TO LORD LONDONDERRY.

Lord Londonderry will, of course, have to be compensated by the Coalowners' Association for the loss occasioned in carrying out its determination in the Silksworth dispute, and it is estimated that the amount of compensation already due is £20,000. Members of the Coalowners' Association in the adjoining county are of opinion that the measures taken already are too severe in the circumstances, and they recall the fight at the Cramlington Colliery in 1865. There the association had to pay the owners £50,000. They had twice to bring a contingent of 500 men. The first were from Devon, and they gradually disappeared from the scene, induced to go by the strikers. Next Cornish men with families were brought, and proved better settlers, some, indeed, being about to this day; but the eviction scenes that then took place, the military having to be called out, makes those who had to do with it think that any compromise is almost preferable to such an extremity.

PRESERVING THE PEACE.

Now that hostilities have ceased for a fortnight it may be as well to say a little about the handful of energetic men who during the past ten days have left no stone unturned to preserve the peace, and to prevent the Silksworth cause being disgraced by acts of violence. First, there is Mr John Wilson, M.P., who has been untiring in his efforts to have peace, and in doing so has exposed himself at times to danger. The same may be said of Mr W. Mould, the veteran Trades Unionist, Mr Johnson, the treasurer of the Durham Miners' Association, Mr Palmer, C.C., Mr J. Storey, Mr J. T. Robinson, and the other members of the Silksworth Committee. All that possibly could be done to let the law take its course in peace and quietness was done by these men, and had the Sunderland roughs kept away from Silksworth there would never have been any outbreak of violence. It will be a fortnight before the evictions can be resumed. Meanwhile something may be done to end the struggle, and thus obviate any further violence or suffering. The Strike Committee are receiving every help. Mrs Stanton, of Sunderland, who has branch shops at Stockton and Middlesbrough, has offered to give 300 pairs of boots and shoes for children under 10 years of age to be distributed amongst the evicted families at Silksworth. Messrs Yates, Bray, Wylie, and Cassidy have waited upon Mrs Stanton and accepted the offer, and thanked her.

MEETING OF THE DURHAM COALOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

Mr Frank Stobart presided over the annual meeting of the Association at Newcastle yesterday. A discussion took place regarding the Silksworth dispute, and the feeling of the meeting was to uphold the decision previously come to by the coalowners, embodied in the agreement of the 13th December, 1890, as mentioned in Mr Guthrie, the secretary's, letter of Thursday of the present week. The agreement was signed by the representatives of the Miners' Association and the Federation Board, representing the whole of the colliery workmen in the county, the principal clause being "that the deputies should be at liberty to be members of the Miners' Association or not, as they might desire, and that no pressure should be put upon them, either by the owners and other officials of the colliery, on the one hand, or by the workmen on the other; and that work should be at once resumed, pending a county settlement of the question of deputies." It was also decided that the present relations between the Miners' Association and the Durham Coalowners' Association should form the subject of serious consideration by a committee, and the matter was accordingly referred to such committee.

THE MAYOR OF SUNDERLAND AS A MEDIATOR.

Mr R. Shadforth, Mayor of Sunderland, has written to the Coalowners' Association offering his services as a mediator in the dispute, and enclosing a letter from Mr Palmer, Miners' secretary, under date February 26th, in which the writer says:—"The question as to deputies has never been a general one for the county, and it could not fall to the men of Silksworth to settle it if it ever should become such. We are, therefore, bound to put it to one side. We are very glad to fall in with your practical and fair suggestion, and are quite willing to go to work if the deputies who joined our union after the notices were handed in pay up their arrears. Resolutions to the above effect were unanimously passed at a full meeting of the men this morning."—Councillor Shadforth, in his letter to the Association, says this offer seems to him to be a fair and equitable basis of arrangement.

MR PANTON'S REPLY TO MR PALMER.

(To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.)

SIR,—It is not my intention to enter into any newspaper correspondence with regards to the Silksworth strike further than to state that Mr Wm. Palmer's assertions contained in his letter of February 26th are, to say the least, one-sided and unfair, and I would especially refer to clause 4 of his letter, in which he states that my reply to their agents was that "I'll be d——d if I allow any deputy to be a member of the Miners' Association." This is absolutely untrue.

(Signed) FRED. S. PANTON, Resident Manager.
Silksworth Colliery.

A FAVOURABLE SIGN.

All the deputies at Ryhope Colliery, with one exception, have now joined the union.

PITMEN FINED AT WINGATE.

There was a special sitting of the Castle Eden Police Court yesterday, when 315 summonses issued a week ago against miners who came out on strike at Wingate Colliery without giving notice came on for hearing. Twenty-four of the defendants agreed to pay 10s compensation and 3s 6d costs without the charge being heard. The remainder decided to contest their cases, with the result that they had to pay costs to the amount of 6s 6d each and 10s compensation.—The cases had no reference to the Silksworth dispute.

George H. Chapman, check-weighman, Rough Lea Colliery, Willington, opposes a general strike, but advises that Lord Londonderry's workmen should be brought out, and should be supported by the county till a settlement is effected.

"A Working Man" makes the following suggestion, with a view to a peaceful settlement: That the owners add to their offer of the deputies paying up their arrears to date, that they remain members until a further agreement be effected; that the men return to work as early as possible; that a committee of six be appointed to discuss this question—viz., three coalowners and three of the men's representatives, with an independent gentleman as chairman, whose decision shall be final, each party to state their cause before the same the said chairman to give his decision one week from the sitting of the committee; that the committee meet in one of the three following places—viz., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Durham City, or Sunderland.

LATEST DETAILS.

The Mayor of Sunderland has received a reply from the Durham Coalowners' Association with reference to the Silksworth Colliery strike. The owners state that the Mayor's proposal to settle the strike could not be accepted, as no provision was made for non-unionist deputies being allowed freedom of action. The Mayor has replied that if the owners will not interfere with the free action of the deputies at the colliery, he thinks he can get the men to guarantee the same. Silksworth village is crowded to-day, but there is no disturbance.

FRESH WARRANTS GRANTED.

At Sunderland to-day fresh ejectment warrants were issued against 171 miners at Silksworth Colliery. These will be enforced in due course if no settlement is come to in the meantime.

THE ALLEGED ASSAULT ON MR STOREY, M.P.

At the same Court Mr Samuel Storey, M.P., took out summons for alleged assault against Police Superintendents Oliver and Burrell, who on Friday week turned him out of the farm at Silksworth occupied by the bailiffs.

North Country News.

Ladies' Hair Fashionably Dressed at Freund's Hairdressing Saloons, 66, High-st., S'ton.—ADVT.

Clayton, Bonesetter, Central Hall, Darlington, on Mon., 1.30 to 3.30.—ADVT.

CONSUMPTION.—Dr. Koch Cures Consumption. Harburn's Pectoral Balsam prevents it. See Page 4.—ADVT.

W. Reid, Draper, Milbank-street, offers on Monday cheap lots of Calicoes, Hollands, Shirtings, &c.—ADVT.

A BOON TO MOTHERS.—Feeding Bottles complete for 2d. Close's Drug Stores, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

Last Days of Sale of Surplus Stock of Mantles, Dresses, Ready-Made Clothes, and General Drapery. Wright and Archibald's, Sussex-street, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

BEAR RELIEF FUND.—Mr Sockett, the hon. secretary, has received a cheque for £10 from Alderman Weighell, being the proceeds of the Oxford benefit for this fund.

TO-MORROW.—Centenary Chapel, Market-place, 10.30, Mr Drabble; 2.30, Bible Class, Rev. G. H. Bellamy; 6.30, Rev. W. J. Boote. Come—Welcome.—ADVT.

RAPID WRITING, &c.—Smart and Co., of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, receive pupils every Thursday, from 3 till 9, at the Oddfellows' Hall, Middlesbrough, for instruction in Penmanship, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Arithmetic, &c.—ADVT.

MONEY MAKES MONEY.—1,000 Boys' Suits, bought in for Cash, by Levy's, Bridge-street, at less than the price of making cost. Don't let your little ones go shabbily dressed. Come at once and see our Stock. A. Levy, Bridge-street West, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

ACCIDENT ON THE TEES.—This morning a stevedore named Robert Reader fell into a barge while at work for Messrs Cochrane, Grove, and Co. The distance of the drop was thirty or forty feet, and he has severely injured one of his legs, which is under treatment at the North Ormesby Cottage Hospital.

NORTH ORMESBY COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—The hon. treasurer (Mr John G. Swan) desires to acknowledge receipt of the following contributions, with thanks:—Ormesby and Normanby miners, £1 7s 4d; outside machinery department Middlesbrough Docks box, 11s 3d; North-Eastern Steel Company, Limited, £2 18s.

TEES-SIDE GOSSIP BY "VINDEX."—Labour Troubles in the District—The Silksworth Struggle—Is the Game Worth the Candle?—The Scotch Blast-furnacemen's Strike—A Fight against Adverse Circumstances—Cleveland Contributions not Wasted—The Royal Commission on Labour—A Sidewind for the Capitalist—Labour Representation for Middlesbrough—Football in the Middlesbrough Streets—Awkward Mishap to Actors—A Tyneside Poet—A National Labour Union Song—West Hartlepool School Board—Shipbuilding in the Hartlepools—A Local Prima Donna.

SHOCKING DEATH BY BURNING AT DARLINGTON.—Yesterday afternoon Mrs Emmerson, over 73 years of age, met with her death by burning. The deceased had been lying ill at her daughter's house, 35, Easson-road, Darlington, for several weeks, and her death was daily expected. She was placed in one of the bed-rooms, and during the temporary absence of her guardians the shocking accident occurred. A small clothes rail was standing before the fire, and by some means or other these clothes got on fire and communicated the flames to the deceased. When assistance came she was fearfully burnt, and beyond help. The furniture had also caught fire, and much effort was required to quench the flames.

THE WORKING MAN AND THE SABBATH.—With reference to a statement made by one of the speakers at the conference in Newport-road Baptist Church, Middlesbrough, on Sunday afternoon, that he had to work 80 hours per week, "A Mineral Guard" writes—"The average of his time is about 71 hours per week. Then comes the question—How do you get so much as 71 hours per week? Well, there are four men off work out of, say, from 50 to 60 men all told, and the outcome is we who are at work have the four men's work to do, and, of course, take the pay. They will, we hope, soon be at work again, and then our hours will be about 60 per week."

MR FRANK PYMAN AT AYTON.—Ayton, near Scarborough, was last night the scene of a meeting presided over by Mr J. Wilkinson and held in furtherance of the candidature of Mr Pyman for the Whitby Division. In his speech Mr Pyman said he had been approached with a view to his accepting a safe seat, but this he considered an insult, and said so long as the people of Whitby Division would stand by him he would stick by them—(applause)—and the receptions he met with had been so good throughout the division that he felt confident that if he had time, say twelve months before the election, he would be returned their member—(applause). He was a Radical, and proud of his opinions, and his programme was land laws, elections, and liquor. He was in favour of a radical reform of the land laws so as to stop the ever-increasing tide of population from flowing from the land to large towns. He was also in favour of the abolition of the hereditary principle of the House of Lords, one man one vote, a three months' qualification, shorter Parliaments, and possibly he would vote for the payment of members. Further, he was in favour of Sunday Closing, local option, and a direct veto. (Loud applause.)—A vote of confidence in Mr Gladstone, and of support of Mr Pyman was unanimously adopted.

YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK.—At the annual meeting of guarantors in Leeds yesterday a large increase of business was reported. The number of deposits during the past year was 2,000,657, and the amount deposited was £3,450,421 19s 1d. The number of withdrawals was 379,072, and the amount withdrawn was £2,947,793 3s 3d. The number of open accounts at the end of the year was 280,495, and the amount standing to the credit of depositors was £5,021,169 12s 9d. The interest paid to depositors, or added to their accounts, was £132,352 4s 3d. There have been 43 new branches opened and 9 closed, leaving 816 branches open at the end of the year. The profit made during the year was £15,466 7s 11d. This amount will be invested in 2¾ per cent. consols, and added to the reserve fund, making that fund £144,442 7s 5d. The school children make good use of the bank, the number of deposits being 298,319, and the amount deposited £10,522 12s 0d. The following figures show the rapid progress made by the Middlesbrough Branch since the opening on March 12 to December 31, 1890:—The number of deposits were 8,355, and the amount deposited was £23,310 3s; the number of withdrawals were 2,350, and the amount withdrawn was £9,749 16s 7d: the amount standing to the credit of depositors, including interest, was £13,708 15s 11d. The usual elections of officials, &c., took place, and Lord Lascelles was thanked for presiding.

THE TEES-SIDE DRINKING WATER.

THE BARNARD CASTLE POLLUTIONS.

Councillor KEAY, at the monthly meeting of the Middlesbrough Sanitary Committee yesterday, made a very vigorous attack upon the water supply of the town. He complained of the quality of the water and the polluted source from which it was drawn. He referred to Dr. Barry's statements as to the sewage pollution of the Tees at Barnard Castle and the numerous villages on the banks of the Tees above Broken Scar. He saw that at a recent meeting of Barnard Castle Local Board quite a joke was made of the filthy pollutions which were poured into the Tees from that town. He thought it was abominable, after all the money that the town had spent, that the public should have to drink such abominable water.—Ald. SANDERSON said he thought the Water Board should look into the matter referred to by the Barnard Castle Local Board with a view of endeavouring to prevent the carrying out of the new scheme for emptying more filth into the Tees there, which had been decided upon at the meeting by 4 to 3.—Alderman BULMER said the Water Board had had the matter under consideration. The Barnard Castle Local Board had sanctioned a scheme of deodorising and disinfecting the discharge, but the Water Board was not satisfied with it, and they and the Darlington Corporation were taking steps to request the Local Government Board to hold an enquiry with reference to the matter.—In answer to Councillor Keay, Alderman BULMER said that when the gravitation scheme in progress was completed the public would be supplied, for domestic purposes, with pure water entirely unmixed with Tees water.

THE HEALTH OF MIDDLESBROUGH

A VERY HIGH DEATH RATE.

At the monthly meeting of the Middlesbrough Sanitary Committee yesterday afternoon, the Mayor (Alderman Collingwood) in the chair, the Medical Officer (Dr. Malcomson) reported that the number of deaths in the district north of the railway was 42, giving an average annual rate of mortality of 27·38 per thousand. In the district south of the railway and west of Boundary-road there had been 61 deaths, a rate of 27·84; and east of Boundary-road 86 deaths, a rate of 31·70 per 1,000. In the public institutions there had been 26 deaths, viz.—13 in the Workhouse, 7 in the Fever Hospital, and 6 in the North Riding Infirmary. The total number of deaths during the month was 215, giving an annual rate of mortality for the town of 33·54 per 1,000, or, excluding the deaths in the public institutions, 29·49. The births during the period under review numbered 261—males 123, females 138—a total rate of 40·71. For the corresponding month last year the death rate was 15·37. The birth rate in January last year was 43·18. Twenty-six of the deaths were due to typhoid fever. The exceedingly high figures of the death rate were attributable to two chief causes—the deaths brought about by the unprecedented severity of the weather at the beginning of the year, and to the renewed outbreak of typhoid fever, upon which he had reported at the previous meeting. Whilst not giving so many cases, the epidemic had developed into a more fatal type, and had caused 26 of the deaths. He was glad to be able to report, however, that the epidemic was gradually subsiding, and the cases were fewer. Twenty-seven deaths were from bronchitis, 18 from pneumonia, and 12 from consumption. The mortality was especially high among infants and old persons, upon whom the cold weather had an especially fatal effect, and the number of deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs was an evidence of the same cause of the high mortality. Since the previous report as to typhoid fever, during the remaining 11 days of January there were 40 cases notified, and 55 cases in the first 26 days in February.

Cowley's Presentation Clocks, Bronzes Silver and Silver-plate, Cutlery Canteens, all of the Newest designs. 131, High-street, Stockton.—ADVT

A FAIR BEAUTIFUL SKIN.—Sulpholine Soap gives the natural tint and peach-like bloom of a perfect complexion; makes the Skin smooth, supple healthy, comfortable. 6d Tablets. Everywhere.—ADVT

This Day's Commercial News.

Bank rate (discount)	3 p.c.
Do. for Advances	3½ p.c.
Market rate of disct, 60 days' drafts	2¾ to 3 p.c.
Do. do. 3 months	2¾ to 3 p.c.
Do. do. 4 months	2¾ to 2⅞ p.c.
Do. do. 6 months	2¾ to 2⅞ p.c.
Loans to bill-brokers, day to day	2½ to 2¾ p.c.
Do. do. for one week	2¾ p.c.
Rate for fortnight, loans to stock-brokers	3¼ to 3½ p.c.
Deposit allowance (banks)	1½ p.c.
Do. do. (discount houses)	2 to 2¼ p.c.

The directors of the National Telephone Company (Limited) invite subscriptions at par for £550,000 of 4½ Per Cent. Debenture Stock. The capital of the Company is £4,000,000, of which £2,494,920 has been issued, and the net revenue for the year ending April 30 last was £[illegible], while the interest on the present issue of debentures will only amount to £[illegible],750. Notice has been given to pay off all existing debentures and bonds, and this new debenture stock will then be constituted a first charge on the entire undertaking. Interest is payable half-yearly on the 1st January and 1st July, the first payment falling due on July 1 next. At the option of the Company the stock will be redeemable upon six months' notice at £110.

The capital of the Automatic Amusement Company, Limited, consists of 620 ordinary A shares of £5 each, all issued and paid up (£3,100); 21,900 ordinary B shares of £1 each (£21,900); 400 first mortgage debentures of £10 each, redeemable in September, 1892, and carrying interest at 6 per cent. (£4,000). The Company was incorporated in January, 1890, and commenced operations as from April 1st, 1890, with a capital of £3,100, as a small syndicate to work and develop the Harris Patents, Nos. 17,007'89, 11,430'90, for improvements in "Coin freed or actuated apparatus for exhibition of information, and for games of chance or pastimes and other purposes." The result of the first half-year's working as shown in the accountant's certificate, shows a net profit of £933 14s 11d, after deducting all expenses incurred in the formation of the business and in placing and fixing over 500 machines, together with the carriage upon them. This profit is equal to a return upon the capital employed of 90 per cent. per annum. With the increase of capital the rate per cent. of the profit on the B shares is not expected to be so large, but the directors confidently look for a remunerative dividend. Subscriptions are now invited for 11,900 B shares.

The subscription list will open on Monday in connection with Thomas Daniel and Co., Limited, incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890, with a capital of £1,000,000, divided into 25,000 preferred shares and 75,000 ordinary shares of £10 each. The capital of the Company (fully paid) is £500,070, consisting of 25,000 £10 preferred shares, and 25,007 £10 ordinary shares. The company was formed in October, 1886, to take over the business of Thomas Daniel and Co., in London, and Thomas Daniel and Sons, in Bristol, which firms had been established for more than a century; and the British and American Trustee and Finance Corporation, Limited, invites subscriptions for £310,000 6 per cent. debentures at the price of £105 per £100 debenture, re[illegible] by annual drawings at £115, or by purchase [illegible] market if under £115. The Company owns estates [illegible] in Barbadoes, British Guiana, and Trinidad, grants advances to estate owners on mortgages and growing crops, consignments of produce being made to the Company against such advances; acts as agent in Barbadoes for many important houses and estates, supplying the latter with stores, &c., and conducts, besides, a large trade with the United States, Canada, Newfoundland, and other countries. The profits since the formation of the Company have averaged £47,059 5s 5d per annum; the profit for the year ended 30th September, 1890, being £53,864 2s 10d. The annual amount required to provide for the interest on the debenture is £18,000. The list closes on Thursday March 5th.

The following new business is offered to the public:—

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company are issuing unified 50-year mortgage 4 per cent. gold bonds to the extent of five million dollars, yielding nearly 4¾ per cent. per annum. List closes March 3.

The Alberta Railway and Coal Company, issue of £890,000 6 per cent. mortgage debentures. Lists close on or before Wednesday next. Offices, 37, Old Jewry, London, E.C.

The National Telephone Co., Limited; capital £4,000,000. Issue of £550,000 4½ per cent. debenture stock. Lists open to-day and close on or before Tuesday, March 3rd. Offices: Oxford court, Cannon-street, London, E.C.

Thomas Daniel and Co., Limited, capital £1,000,000 in 25,000 preferred and 75,000 ordinary shares of £10 each. Issue of £310,000 6 per cent. debentures. Lists open Monday, March 2nd, and close on or before Thursday, March 5th. Offices:—4, Mincing lane, London, E.C.

The Woodite Company, Limited.—Authorised capital, £50,000; subscribed capital, £30,750. Issue of £12,000 in 1,200 £10 shares. Offices: Delahay-street, Westminster, London, S.W.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

11.20 a.m.

Money in good demand at 2½ to 2¾ per cent.; discount rates for three months' bills 3 per cent.; money wanted in consequence of payment of railway dividends. Consols lower; fall: account 1/16. Rupee paper steady; rise: ⅛. Home railways better, American flat, and Grand Trunks and Mexican unchanged. Foreign bonds weak. Mines dull. Nitrates quiet. The principal changes since closing last night are:—Home railways: Lancashire and Yorkshire ½, North British Pref. ½, Caledonian, South-Eastern Def. ⅛ up; Hull and Barnsley, Midland ½ down. American railways: Erie Pref. 1½ Denver Pref., Atlantic Firsts ⅛ up; Lake Shore, Norfolk Pref., Northern Pacific Pref., Ohio, Wabash Pref. ½, Milwaukee, Denver, Louisville, Kansas and Texas, Pennsylvania ⅛ down. Foreign bonds: Argentine '86's ½, Cedulas 1 ½ up; Italian ⅛, Spanish 1/16, Argentine 3½'s, French 4½'s, Peru Corporation Pref. ½, Unified 1/16, Egyptian Pref. ⅛, Do. Daira, Hungarian '81's, Portuguese ½, Turkish 4's ⅛ down. Mines: Tinto ⅛, Mason and Barry ⅛ down.

12.45 p.m.

Consols and rupee paper unchanged. Home railways flat; rise: Midland ⅛; fall: South-Eastern Def. ⅛, Brighton Def. ⅛, Caledonian ⅛, Great Eastern, Great Western, North-Western, North-Eastern ⅛. American railways weak; rise: Atchison Five Per Cent. Income ⅛; fall: Milwaukee ⅛, Denver Pref., Union Pacific ⅛, Central Pacific, Louisville, New York Central, North Pacific Pref. ⅛; Atlantic Firsts, Canadian Pacific, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, Erie, Norfolk Pref. ⅛. Mexican railways dull; fall: Ordinary ⅛. Trunks unchanged. Foreign bonds quiet; rise: Peru Corporation Debentures ⅛, Spanish 1/16; fall: Hungarian '81's, Mexican ⅛, Turkish 4's ⅛. Mines steady; rise: Mason, Tinto, Jagers ⅛; Goldfields South Africa 1/16; fall: Langlaagte, Debeer 1/16. Nitrates quiet.

NEWCASTLE FREIGHT.

Freight market displays easiness in coasting freight. Outward rates generally low; homeward steadier. Charters include steamers:—Tyne to Rochefort, 5/3; Rochester, 3/11; London, 3/9; Gibraltar from West Hartlepool, 8/-; Genoa from Garston, 3/-; Malaga from Blyth, 7/3. Coal easier, some contracts for Norway having gone to South Yorkshire, owing to lower price for steam coal there; best Northumbrian steam coal, 11/6. Copper and lead firm. Chemicals unchanged.

MIDDLESBROUGH IMPORTS & EXPORTS.

IMPORTS.—FEBRUARY 27.

Ariel, Arbroath, 100 tons potatoes.
Earsdon, Bilbao, 1,679 tons iron ore.
Glenmore, Rotterdam, general.
Viscount Castlereagh, Bilbao, 750 tons iron ore.
Abrota, Benisaf, 1,332 tons iron ore.

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Ethel, Maldon, wheat.
Dione, London, general.
Gamaliel, Southampton, oak scantling.
Coatham, Seriphos, 2,300 tons iron ore.
Esington, Porman, 1,400 tons iron ore.

EXPORTS.—FEBRUARY 27.

Abergrange, Grangemouth, 790 tons pig iron.
Abertay, Grangemouth, 1,300 tons pig iron.
Glencairn, Newhaven, 400 tons cast iron chairs.
James Hogg, Port Talbot, 565 tons steel tin plate bars.
Yorkshire Lass, Maidstone, 95 tons salt.
Faraday, Terneuzen, 1,050 tons pig iron.
Sawland, Carlscrona, 600 tons slag.
Athabasca, Bombay, 150 tons coke, 13 tons ground slag, 104 tons manufactured iron, 2,722 tons steel rails and sleepers, 10 tons steel keys.

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Jubilant, Dundee, 30 tons iron plates.
Bull, Grangemouth, 960 tons pig iron.
Hy. Fisher, Buryport, 600 tons steel tinplate bars.
Harriet, Cardiff, 10 tons cast iron floor plates; Llanelly, 590 tons steel tinplate bars.
Paulette, Dunkirk, 450 tons pitch.
Bertha, Hamburg, 900 tons pig iron.

MIDDLESBROUGH IRON SHIPMENTS.

Date.	Pig Iron.	M'f'd I. & S.	Total Tons.	Date.	Pig Iron.	M'f'd I. & S.	Total Tons.
Jan.	43,998	23,771	67,769	Feb. 14	1,970	5,416	7,386
Feb. 2	4,360	—	4,360	16	3,300	1,446	4,746
3	5,265	186	5,451	17	3,746	91	3,837
4	1,090	3,015	4,105	18	3,300	272	3,572
5	2,270	2,107	4,377	19	1,030	840	1,870
6	4,033	1,139	5,172	20	2,570	1,725	4,295
7	4,030	1,840	5,870	21	4,275	3,025	7,301
9	1,740	140	1,880	23	4,080	1,016	5,096
10	4,795	699	5,494	24	1,050	1,900	2,950
11	2,515	970	3,485	25	1,098	527	1,625
12	1,090	750	1,840	26	3,562	3,673	7,235
13	4,630	400	5,030	27	3,140	3,801	6,941
				28	1,560	1,230	2,790

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE.

Sugar strong; No. 1, 19/6; No. 2, 18/6; No. 3, 18/-. Lard quiet, 29/9. Bacon quiet; halves, 26/6. Petroleum quiet; American, 5¼d. Turpentine steady, 23/3. Resin firm; common, 4/7½. Cottonseed firm, 20/-. Linseed steady, 23/3. Rape firm; Stettin, 34/-. Tallow steady, 25/- to 28/-, beef. Palm dull; Lagos, £24 5/-. Hemp steady; Manilla, 44/- spot. Nitrate firm, 8/4½. Castor oil firm; Calcutta, 3½d.

THE WHITBY SHIPPING TRADE.

The Whitby steam shipping trade still remains dull and inactive. Shares are not in demand, and very few transactions have taken place during the week. The fixtures during the week include the following steamers:—Clara, 11,000 qrs., from Novorossisk, 12/-, new charter; Edith, Poti and Batoum to Baltimore, 20/- dead weight, prompt; Solon, Grangemouth and Buenos Ayres, Boca, 19/- coals, ship paying extra in insurance; Lady Palmer, Cardiff to Port Said, 8/-; Lizzie, Cardiff to Havre, 5/-, option Rouen 6/-; Eastgate, Cuba to New York 11c., option Philadelphia 12c., Boston 14c. prompt; Fernbrook, 10,500 qrs. Odessa, Sebastopol and Sulina, 12/6, 20th March, 20th April; Duchess, Antwerp to Brazils 25/- one, 26/3 two, 27/6 three ports; Gwendoline, 10,500 qrs., from Odessa prompt; Bordeaux, Antwerp, 12/-; Annie, 11,000 qrs., from Sebastopol, prompt, 11/-, new charter; Nellie, 8,500 qrs., from Odessa, prompt, Havre, 12/6; Excelsior, Nicolaieff, 10th March, cancelling, 13/-, new charter; Edith, Canadian coal trade time charter.

This Day's Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN.—Small supply of local wheat, and prices firm; foreign in good demand at late rates. Maize held for 3d advance. Oats, beans, and peas steady. Flour firm at full prices of this day week, millers asking 1/- to 6d advance.

DONCASTER CORN.—Wheat trade firm both for English and foreign, and prices higher, English 3d per load of three bushels, and foreign 6d to 1/- more. Oats and beans 6d more. Maize 1/-, but little doing in barley at late rates.

CARLISLE CORN.—Large supply of oats, and prices 7/3 to 7/6 for new seed; samples, 7/6 to 8/9; good demand. Wheat small supply, quickly sold.

GLASGOW SUGAR.—Steady market. Closes with a good demand, and prices are in some cases 3d dearer. Official report:—Business checked by firmness of holders. Good business done at full prices to 3d advance. For the week the advance is generally 6d.

CORK BUTTER.—Ordinary: Firsts, 126/-; seconds, 121/-; thirds, 110/-; fourths, 80/-. Mild-cured firkins: Fine mild, 123/-; mild, 119/-. Number in market: 73 firkins, 3 kegs, 8 mild.

WHITBY PROVISIONS.—Prices to-day:—Fresh butter, 1/3 to 1/4 per lb.; fresh eggs, 13 to 14 for 1/-; chickens, 4/6 to 5/6 per couple; ducks, 3/- to 3/6 each; geese, 6/6 to 8/- each; pigeons, 1/2 to 1/3 per couple; hares, 3/6 to 4/- each; Yorkshire bacon, 7d to 8d per lb.; Yorkshire hams, 8d to 9d per lb.; Yorkshire prime old, 9d to 10d per lb.; beef, 7d to 8d per lb.; beef steaks 9d per lb.; mutton, 7d to 9d per lb.; pork, 7d to 8d per lb.

GRIMSBY FISH.—There was a fair supply, and a good demand. About forty vessels arrived. Quality fair. Plaice, 25/- to 28/-; level, 20/- to 25/-; lemons, 50/- to 55/-; soles, 150/- to 170/-; haddocks, 10/- to 14/- per box; turbot, 8/- to 15/-; brills, 3/- to 5/-; ling, 2/- to 3/6; dead, 1/6 to 2/-; cod, 4/- to 6/-; skate, 2/- to 3/-; dead, 1/- to 1/6 each; hake, 30/- to 40/-; dead cod, 40/- to 70/- per score; halibut, 6/- to 8/-; dead, 5/- to 6/- per stone.

TOOTHACHE.—Bunter's Nervine cures Toothache instantly by painless constriction of the nerve, prevents decay, and saves extraction. Neuralgic headaches and all nerve pains removed. Sleepless nights prevented by using Bunter's Nervine. Sold by all Chemists, 1s1½d.—ADVT.

Shipping, &c.

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS

MIDDLESBROUGH.

ARRIVALS, February 26.—Viscount Castlereagh s, Ramsey, Bilbao; Abrota s, Nash, Benisaf; Rosario s, George, Bilbao—all ore; Glencairn s, Crosby, London, b; Albert, Purvis, Tyne, b; Ariel, Morris, London, i; Jubilant s, Goodwin, Sunderland, b; Abertay s, Logan, Rotterdam, b; (27) Glenmore s, Horne, Rotterdam, g; Gwendoline s, Phillips, London, loam; Statira s, Bedlington, Bilbao, ore; G.M.B. s, Collins, Grangemouth, b; Faraday s, Proud, Hamburg, b; [illegible] London, loam; Paulette s, Coppins, Grangemouth, b; Harriet s, Guthrie, Caen, b; James Hogg, Stephenson, Hartlepool, b; Coatham s, Elders, Seriphos, iron ore; Henry Fisher s, Bain, Caen, b; Camel s, Davison, Grangemouth, i; Eslington s, Devereaux, Porman, iron ore; Euphrates s, Edwards, Hartlepool, b; Gamaliel, Mason, Redbridge, timber; (28) Ethel s, Horton, Maldon, wheat; Earsdon s, Arthur, Bilbao, iron ore; Abergrange s, Wright, Rostock, i; Dione s, Jordan, London, g; Bull, Sutherland, Grangemouth, b.

SAILINGS, February 26.—South Tyne s, Broadhead, Tyne, light; Daventry s, Galbraith, Cocanada, i; Croesus s, Rudd, Tyne, light; Corisande s, Fisker, Grangemouth, i; Flea s, Scantlebury, Llanelly, i; Fair Maid, Telford, Colchester, i; Steelfiel, Holmes, Tyne, light; (27) G.M.B., Collins, Grangemouth, i; Albina s, Sayles, Aberdeen, slag; Nancy, Frank, Hartlepool, b; Giralda, Egglesfield, Tyne, b; (28) Gwendoline s, Phillips, Hartlepool, i; Pebble s, Darragh, Grangemouth, salt; Abertay s, Logan, Grangemouth, iron; Rose s, Gardiner, Hartlepool, b; Florida s, Roy, Tyne, b; Sarah Jane, Dovey, Sunderland, i; Victor, Gray, Aberdeen, salt; Barinston s, Brown, Sunderland, i; Glencairn s, Crosby, Newhaven; Athabasca s, Foster, Bombay, via Tyne; Hallgerda, Engebretsen, Christiania; Calcutta, Cathro, Adelaide; Italia s, Longstaff, Dunkirk; Abergrange s, Wright, Grangemouth—all i.

HARTLEPOOL.

ARRIVALS, February 27.—Nancy, Clark, Middlesbrough, light; Stella, Murray, Middlesbrough, raft; (28) Mathilde s, Schultz, Memel, wood goods; Gwendoline s, Phillips, Middlesbrough, light.

SAILINGS, February 27.—Harton s, Nicholson, Portsmouth; (28) Prospero, Weltare, Shoreham; Milo, Dadson, Rye; Karen, Nielsen, Dartmouth—all c.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

ARRIVALS, February 27.—Emerald s, Rainles, Dundee, light; Jenny, Christofferson, Flekkefjord, deals.

SAILINGS, February 27.—Stella s, Murray, Middlesbrough, light; Erik, Rasmussen, Soderourg, c; Glencairn, Clarke, Folkestone, c; Will and Amy, Anderson, London, c.

"GAZETTE" SPECIAL REPORTS.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

Redcar left the Tyne for Venice 27th.
Coatham arrived at Middlesbrough 27th.
Stanhope at Copenhagen.
Bertha at Boulogne 27th.
Corisande at Grangemouth 27th.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Clematis sailed from Cardiff for St. Nazaire 25th.
Paola sailed from Newport for Barcelona 25th.
Bellington sailed from Tyne for Valencia 25th.
Petunia sailed from Odessa for Altona 26th.
Charles Steels from Liverpool to Valparaiso 28th.
Pocklington at the Tyne 25th.
Sylvia arrived at Madeira from Cardiff 22nd.
Glendale arrived at Terneuzen 27th.
Whitefield arrived at Bassein 27th.
Grantully arrived at Novoross 27th.
James Groves left Blyth for Bilbao 23th.
Horneburg left Bilbao for Stockton 27th.
Mary Lohden left Gibraltar for Antwerp 26th.
Embleton left Newfairwater for Boston 27th.
Sunlight left Swansea for St Nazaire 27th.
Gladys left Akyab for Port Said for orders 27th.
Muriel arrived at Akyab 27th.
Hessie arrived at Philadelphia 27th.

This Day's Sporting.

NEWMARKET TRAINING NOTES.

Lovely morning. ON THE RACECOURSE SIDE: JENNING'S Pretendant II., Gouverneur, Cordon Bleu, and Reverend; MARSH'S Curfew, Morion, Cereza, Ammonite, and Mistral went a mile and a quarter. MARSH'S Cloister and Royal Meath went four miles. JENNING'S Lord George, Woolsthorpe, Lusignan, and Star; HAYHOE'S Le Nord, Seraphine II., High Havens, Heaume, and Bumptious; ASHLEY'S Rusticus; MARSH'S Oddfellow, and Unicorn went a mile.

ON THE BURY SIDE: ENOCH'S Workington, and Houndsditch; RYAN'S Ireland; GOLDING'S Fringe; MORTON'S Upset went two miles and a quarter. RYAN'S Evergreen, Carrick, Innisfail, Springbank, Orvieto, Alloway, Guardian, and Springtime; M. DAWSON'S Nepean, Wentworth, Hildebert, Weathercock, Adieu, Gridiron, Veronal, Mimi, Dorcas, and Corstorphine. MUMFORD'S Dry Toast; GOLDING'S Albertus, Reinal, and Chesterfield went a mile and a quarter. MORTON'S King of Diamonds, Pioneer, Nero, Tostig, Juggler, and Snaplock; GRAY'S Prior, Goodlake, Fantasy, and Vallauris; J. DAWSON'S Roberto, Wiseman, and Greenwich; G. DAWSON'S Clang, St. Serf, Breach, and Jessamy; SHERWOOD'S Nunthorpe, Idlesleigh, Lady Yarmouth, Sheldrake, and Experience; JEWITT'S Rathbeal, Deemster, Sweetest, Killoween, and Harpstring; MORTON'S Lady Rosebery, Rullianus, Quartus, Touchwood, and Mortaigne went a mile.

GRAND MILITARY (SANDOWN PARK) MEETING.

TALLY-HO HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles.

Rosalind	1
Capua	2
Fairy	3

Six ran.

OPEN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.

Gold Leaf	1
Poet Laureate	2
Frank	3

Four ran.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Lincoln Handicap—The Whaup and Jessamy.
All engagements—Two year old filly b. R[illegible] Hampton out of Anville (dead) and Crafty Agnes.
Liverpool 1891 and Manchester and Derby engagements—Peppertown.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATHS.

BULLEN.—On the 27th inst., at 12, [illegible]-street, Sarah, beloved wife of John Bullen, aged 67 years. Interment on Monday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. 28

ELLERTON.—5, Norton-grove, Stockton-on-Tees, on the 26th inst., aged 5 years, Margaret, the second and dearly beloved daughter of Robert Charles and Elizabeth Ellerton. Interment at Norton Church, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1st. 28

GRAHAM.—On the 26th, at Shotton Colliery, Edward Graham, horse-keeper, late of Haswell, dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Graham, deceased. Interment at Shotton March 1st. Friends please accept this intimation. 28

KYME.—On the 25th inst., at Clifton, York, William, beloved son of the late William and Elizabeth Kyme, aged 38 years. Interment on Sunday, cortege leaving 4, Newton street, Middlesbrough, at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation. 28

LONGSTAFF.—On the 28th inst., at Workington, Sarah Ann, beloved wife of J. W. Longstaff, and daughter of the late Robert Farndale, of Stockton. 28

MANKIN.—On the 27th, at 5, Percy-street, Stockton, Margaret, relict of the late Geo. Mankin. Interment on Monday, cortege leaving at 2 p.m. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.

MOODY.—On the 25th inst., at No. 9, New Cottages, Port Clarence, Andrew Moody, aged 63 years, late foreman blacksmith for Bell Bros. Interment at Haverton Hill on Sunday, March 1st, cortege leaving the above address at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation. 28

SMELT.—On the 27th inst., at Red Lion-yard, Yarm, Mary Smelt, aged 60, relict of the late Wm. Smelt. Interment on Sunday afternoon. Friends please accept this intimation. 28

FRESH Cut Flowers, Wreaths, Crosses, Dress and Ball Bouquets on the Shortest Notice. W. Strike, Florist, Stockton and Middlesbro'. Telephone No. 1,594.

BOY (smart, active) Wanted. Apply E. Blakey and Sons, Yarm-lane, Stockton. 5

DRESSMAKING.—Apprentices Wanted at once. Apply Miss Beckwith, 71, Vaughan-street, Middlesbrough. 6

GENERAL Servant Wanted, to sleep at home; wages 7s per week. Apply Lisney and Dick, Middlesbrough. 2

FRIED Potato Chip Machine For Sale, 4 wheels. Apply T. Watkins, 8, Sidney street; or William Walton, 43, Prince Charles street, Middlesbrough. 6

HOUSE and Shop to Let, 26, Linthorpe road; immediate possession. Apply 24, Newport road, Middlesbrough. 5

PIANO, Upright Grand, rich tone, splendid condition; price £17; bargain. Walmsley, 35, Benson street, Linthorpe.

PREMIER Safety (first grade); 1st £13 18[illegible] running; capital condition; a bargain; [illegible] time. 14, Charles-street, North Ormesby.

LOST, on February 1st, Black and Tan [illegible] "answers to "Laddie"; [illegible] Apply Mrs Armour, Newbegin House, [illegible]

£20 Reward will be given by James [illegible] Norton-road, Stockton-on-Tees, to the person honestly returning his Carpet Bag containing nearly £200, lost on Thursday morning last on the high road between Saltburn and Boosbeck; or any person giving such information as will lead to the recovery of the above will be very handsomely rewarded. 3

MRS CROPPER, Midwife, Diploma, Edinburgh, has Removed from 22, Graham-street, across the way (or opposite) to 25, Graham-street, Middlesbrough. 27

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION HOME MISSIONS.—Sermons To-morrow at Zion Love Memorial Church, Middlesbrough, 10.30, REV. G. COATES; 6.30, REV. W. GILLIS, of Sunderland. North Ormesby-road Mission, 10.30, REV. W. GILLIS; 6.30, REV. G. COATES. MISSIONARY MEETING at Zion Love Memorial, Monday, at 7.30; Chairman, COUNCILLOR J. H. TAYLOR. 28

REDCAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Mr ANGUS MACPHERSON, N.R. Infirmary, will give an Address on behalf of the Hospital Sunday Fund at the evening service, 6.30. 28

WILLIAM HENRY FARMER, Deceased.—Pursuant to the Act of Parliament, 22nd and 23rd Victoria, cap. 35.—Notice is Hereby Given, that all persons having claims against the Estate of WILLIAM HENRY FARMER, of 5, Commercial-street, Middlesbrough, Fireman, Deceased (who was drowned on the 11th January, 1891, by the wreck of the steamship Bear, of Middlesbrough), and letters of administration of whose personal estate were granted by the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, on the Second day of February, to MARY ANN FARMER of 51, Brunswick-street, Stockton-on-Tees, in the County of Durham (the lawful Widow and Relict of the said Deceased), are hereby required to send particulars of their Claims, in writing, to me, the undersigned, Solicitor for the said Administratrix, on or before the 31st day of March next. After which date the Administratrix will distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims of which she shall then have notice.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1891.

THOMAS WATSON, Solicitor,
17, Albert road, Middlesbrough.
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HOSPITAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FUND.—An impression having got abroad that the N.R. Infirmary and Cottage Hospital are not in want of funds to enable them to meet their responsibilities, the Acting Secretaries of the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Fund beg leave to intimate that such an impression is very far from the truth of the actual fact. By vigorous efforts these institutions have been enabled to throw off the burden of liabilities incurred during the past, but increased pressure on their accommodation at the present has brought an increase of present liability, so that their funds were never more in need of increased contributions. It is sincerely hoped that both places of work and places of worship will respond generously to the necessities of the case.

ANGUS MACPHERSON } Acting Secs. Hospital
RICHARD T. MILNER } Sat. and Sun. F.

YARM-LANE AUCTION ROOMS, [illegible]

MR R. H. FOSTER'S SALE APPOINTMENTS.—MONDAY, March 2nd, the whole of the excellent HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, [illegible]forte, Bicycle, Sewing Machine (new), &c., the property of a gentleman leaving the town; also, a quantity of [illegible]ture Damaged by Fire. Sale at 2 and 6.30. TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, March 3 and 4, UNREDEEMED PLEDGES. Sale at 6.30. TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, March 10 and 11, Sale of FURS. For particulars see bills.

CHIPS.

According to the final figures of the United States census the population is 62,480,540.

Invitations to wineless dinners it is proposed should be accompanied by a small bow of blue ribbon fastened to the card.

About nine million census forms will be required, and the contract just entered into is said to be the biggest order ever issued by the Stationery Office. In measurement the paper covers a distance of over 1,500 miles.

The wealthiest club in London is the Carlton, which was so named as being near the site of Carlton House, the residence of Frederick, Prince of Wales (father of George III.), and of George IV. when Prince of Wales. It has a membership of about 4,000.

So-called "petticoat" dancing seems likely to gain favour in London not merely at public but at drawing-room entertainments. Only a few days ago, at a fashionable afternoon "at home" given by a lady of title, the hostess's little daughter, in a white frock not of the traditional length, delighted the visitors with a graceful solo dance.

Lady Tennyson, who is known to be an excellent amateur musician, is about to make her first appearance as a composer. She has at various times during the past quarter of a century written melodies to no fewer than fifteen of the Poet Laureate's hitherto unpublished poems. The tunes have been arranged and furnished with accompaniments by Mdlle. Janotha, the pianist.

It is really encouraging to struggling humanity to be assured that the owner of the "Angelus" in France, M. Chauchard, was during twelve years of his life a struggling shop assistant, with never more than a hundred pounds a year as full and ample remuneration. The openings of business gave him his avenue to success, and in the Magazins du Louvre he has gone on piling up wealth at an enormous rate. He has shown his taste for painting in many notable purchases, and probably his taste will not disappoint his heirs. The "Angelus" and a few other works will not die with the death of their present possessor.

Mrs William Astor, one of the numerous American millionaire ladies, has a wonderful snake ring which literally writhes in constant motion on her finger. It is constructed of flexible gold wire, each scale being represented by a loop of wire in which a ruby, an emerald, or an amethyst is firmly set. The slightest movement of the fingers sets the wires a-quiver, and the ring scintillates and seems to go round and round the finger with a serpentine movement that has something eerie in it. It was made in Egypt. The same lady has a marvellous necklace, composed of six strings of magnificent diamonds, all the stones being invisibly set, so that they look as though they were simply strung together like beads.

The Princess of Wales intends introducing a pretty novelty in the shape of a tea-service adorned with photographs taken by Her Royal Highness whilst in Scotland. It is being manufactured by John Mortlock and Co., under the Princess's own superintendence, after an old Wedgewood plate, the border of which is etched in graduated lines of orange. The service will consist of sixty-three pieces, on each one of which a different photograph will be printed from Her Royal Highness's own negatives. The idea opens up a new branch of work for amateur photographers. This will, we believe, be the first time that negatives have been successfully printed on pottery. The views are, of course, small, but exquisitely soft and distinct. Most of them are pretty bits from the grounds of Balmoral and Abergeldie, and figures of members of the Royal family and household appear in almost every picture.

A foreign writer has been at pains to give a category of the points of difference between the typical women of the three leading nationalities. It is not recommended as an infallible one, but it is certainly interesting. "A French woman loves to the end of her honeymoon, the English woman her whole life, the German woman for ever. The French woman takes her daughter to the ball, the English woman takes her to church, the German woman gives her employment in the kitchen. The French woman has spirit and imagination, the English woman has little taste, the German woman modesty. The French woman chats, the English woman speaks, the German woman renders decisions. The Spanish woman kills her lover in jealousy, the French woman her rival, the German woman simply renounces, but all at some time marry someone else."

The celebrated Dr. Metzger, of Amsterdam, who last year successfully treated the Empress of Austria, has only one waiting-room for all his patients, whatever their rank or condition. Each has to wait his turn. Some time ago a poor woman, who happened to be there, turned to her neighbour, a lady of distinguished appearance, notwithstanding the simplicity of her attire, and said:—"How long we have to wait, to be sure! I dare say you have got a little child at home, too?" "No." "But when you get back you will have to sweep out your rooms?" "No, I have folks who do that for me." "Indeed? . . But you'll want to get dinner ready?" "Not even that, for I dine at the hotel." "Very well, as you have nothing particular to do, you might let me have your turn?" "Very willingly," replied the lady, who was the Empress of Austria.

No little amusement was created at a social meeting of Rechabites in Leith recently by the sudden departure from the meeting of the Rev. Thomas Millar, of St. Paul's Church, Lorne-street. He was present to deliver an address, but a comic song and dance affected him so much that he left at the end of the song without giving any explanation. The performer of the objectionable song and dance was dressed in a tall hat and "swallow-tailed" coat. His song was about somebody's "darter" going on to the stage, where "she wore spangled clothes and went round on her toes," and also described how her "young man" among the gods yelled, "Well done, Sally." At the end of each verse the performer did a short dance, illustrating how the "darter" went round on her toes. It was amusing to all, but doubly amusing to those who kept one eye on the dancer and the other on Mr Millar, who sat three yards away from him.

How many pinches of snuff are comprised in twelve hundred and eighty pounds of that article is a problem on which those who are expert in figures may like to try their hands. The excisemen, however, who found this quantity on the premises of a Liverpool snuff-grinder the other day were rather curious to know the composition of the manufacture, particularly as regarded the presence of certain adulterating substances. We regret to add that examination revealed the presence of sulphur and assafœtida. The former is stated to be a hitherto unknown form of adulteration, though it is admitted that the test for sulphur is tedious and difficult. By what process assafœtida could be rendered grateful to the nostrils of that small survival among us who still keep alive the memory of a once universal habit is difficult to be conceived. The fact, however, was proved, and the Liverpool magistrates have imposed a fine, which involves forfeiture of the stock of snuff.

These are the instructions given at the commencement of the last century by Sir John Wynne, of Gwedir, to his chaplain, the Rev. John Pryce:—"You shall have the chamber I showed you in my gate private to yourself, with lock and key, and all necessaries. In the morning I expect you should rise, and say prayers in my hall, to my household below, before they go to work; and when they come in at night, that you call before you all the workmen, and take account of them and their belief. I beg of you to continue for the most part in the lower house; you are to hear only what is done there, in order to inform me in case of any disorder there. The morning after you be up, and have said prayers as afore, I would bestow you in study or any commendable exercise of your body. Before dinner you are to come up and attend grace or prayers, if there be any public, and to sit up if there be not greater strangers above the children, who you are to teach in your own chamber. When the table from half downwards is taken up, then are you to rise and walk in the alleys near at hand until grace time, and to come in then for that purpose. After dinner, if I be busy, you may go to bowls, shuffleboard, or any other honest, decent recreation, until I go abroad. If you see me void of business, and go to ride abroad, you shall command a gelding to be made ready by the groom of the stable, and go with me. If I go to bowls or shuffleboard, I shall like your company, if the place be not taken up with strangers. I would have you go every Sunday in the year to some church hereabouts to preach, giving warning to the parish to bring the youths at afternoon to be catechised. Avoid the ale-house, to sit and keep drunkards company there, that bring the greatest discredit your function can have."

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

The square man is a good all 'round fellow.

Sunday is the white rose of the garden of the week.

A worn-out credit half-patched is nearly as good as new.

"Papa," said Willie, "what is a *rara avis*?" "A *rara avis*, my son, is a dude with brains. You hardly ever see one."

Teacher: "Now, boys, who can tell me why the sea heaves up and down, and throws up shells and seaweed? Well, Thomas Williams?" Tommy: "Please, sir, because it's seasick."

"Is your husband a very generous man?" "Indeed he is. You remember those nice cigars I gave him for a birthday present? Well, he smoked only one, and gave all the others away."

"Rock-a-by, baby!" began the new nurse. "Desist!" exclaimed the infant, imperiously. "I am aware that the vibration of the atmosphere will cause a cradle suspended in a tree top to oscillate."

N. E. Body: "That's a pretty bad pair of shoes you have on, my friend." Impecunious Reilly: "Yis, sor; the gintleman who give 'em to me yisterday is charitable, sor, but he's mighty ayconomical!"

Mr Isaacs: "I sells you dot coat at a great sacrifice." Customer: "But you say that of all your goods. How do you make a living?" Mr Isaacs: "Mein frient, I makes a schmall profit on the paper and string."

Doctor: "Well, my fine little fellow, you have got quite well again? I was sure that the pills I have left for you would cure you. How did you take them—in water or in cake?" "Oh, I used them in my popgun."

The Queen's English.—Englishman: "I say, ye knaw, what's the bookage to Boston." Railroad Ticket Clerk: "The whatage?" Englishman: "The bookage, ye knaw—the tariff. What's the tariff?" Ticket Clerk: "I haven't time to talk politics."

A pleasant story is told of a conversation between two sailors who saw the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain climbing up the side of his own yacht in a marine jacket and trousers. "I think, Jack," said the sailor, as he turned a knowing look at his messmate, "this is the first one ever saw a short Chancery suit."

THE PROPER AUTHORITY.

Algernon (kissing his fiancée): "When shall it be, Arabella?" Arabella: "We must let papa decide that. He's a retired sea-captain, you know." Algernon: "Why, what has that got to do with the date of our marriage?" Arabella: "Why, Algernon, isn't it a maritime question?"

FORCED UPON HIM.

The poor man was inconsolable for the loss of his wife. "I will do it now," he cried, in a tone of anguish that melted his hearers' hearts. "I must do it!" They tried to dissuade him from all thoughts of self-destruction, but their efforts seemed in vain. "No, no!" he cried. "'Twas she alone that kept me from it. I can not avoid it since she is gone. I'll have to go to work at last myself!"

NO ENCOURAGEMENT.

"Don't you give any premiums for twins?" asked the anxious-looking man who had edged his way to the crowd in front of the railing behind which sat the judges of the baby show. "No, my friend," replied one of them, "we have thought it best not to offer any premiums for twins. Here is the premium list. You can see for yourself." "I didn't know but you might have a consolation purse to offer," said the anxious-looking enquirer, edging his way out of the crowd again.

TRYING TO FIND OUT.

One of the very literal little boys, who doesn't live many miles from Yarm, was left at home the other day in charge of a neighbour, while his mother made a trip to Newcastle. Every day he would ask if his mother would be at home that day, and finally the girl, with a desire to say something to please him, told him she thought his mother would come that night. "What makes you think so?" was the boy's next question, and when told that she "felt it in her bones," the little fellow thought it the queerest thing he had ever heard of. His mother didn't come, however, and the next day he went around feeling of his arms from the shoulder to the hand, until someone asked him what he was doing, when he replied: "Trying to find out if mamma is coming home to-night."

WOULDN'T ARGUE.

Judge Gaflin discovered old Dempa standing near his kitchen window, talking to his cook. "What are you doing there?" the judge demanded. "'Versin' wid de lady, sah. She wuz mer wife 'fore de wah." "I can't help that, I don't want you to come around here." "W'y so, boss? What's I done ter interfere wid yer?" "You tramp down the flowers and eat all the cold victuals. That's what you do." "W'y, judge, how ken I eat yer vidults? I ain't neber been in yer kitchen!" "Oh, I've seen the cook hand out panful after panful. What makes your mouth so greasy?" "Pusperation, sah." "Well, what makes that ham bone stick out from under your coat?" "Oh, I see dat dar ain't no use argyin' wid yer. I doan min' argyin' wid er man dat's got p'ints an' gogafy, but aa woan waste ma bref wid er pusson what ain't got no reason erbout him."

A TALE OF FRIENDSHIP.

Billings and Herznorth were old bachelor friends. Reared together they had gone into business as partners, and each gained a considerable fortune. Now in their old days they made wills in each other's favour. "If you survive me," said Billings, "I will rest happier in my grave knowing you were enjoying my hard-earned dollars." "Just the sentiment I was going to express," answered Herznorth enthusiastically; so they shook hands. Whatever may have been the reason, in a week or two Herznorth mysteriously disappeared. What was particularly strange about it was that he had left no word with Billings. The latter, naturally alarmed, started the police on a course of investigation. Their best efforts, however, failed to discover any tidings of the missing man. "I think it might be advisable to advertise," said the chief detective when Billings called. "It can't do harm, and might do good, particularly if you offered a reward." "Certainly, that's just the thing. Draw up a poster offering 100 dollars reward if my dear friend Herznorth is returned to me safe and sound." "At the same time," suggested the chief, "you must consider the possibility that something has happened to him, and that he may be dead. Consequently, something bearing on that should also be put in the poster." "Of course," was Billings's immediate reply. "Nothing is too much for me to do for my oldest, dearest friend. Write, 100 dollars if he is found alive, and 5,000 dollars reward to the man that brings him back dead."

THE BOSTON HIGHWAYMAN IN ACTION.

"Pause!" sternly commanded the footpad, pointing a loaded revolver at the head of a belated pedestrian. "Suspend progress immediately, or with the index member of the digital extremities of my dexter manipulatory organ I communicate motion to the metallic lever on the nether side of this weapon and release the mechanism it holds in check, thereby permitting the resultant concussion to explode the detonating fulminate contained in the rearward portion of the cartridge, vaporise the combined product of nitrate of potash, sulphur, and pulverised carbon with which it is in immediate contact, and impart a sudden propelling impulse to the elongated leaden projectile to secure the propulsion of which with adequate velocity this mechanical device originally was brought into the sphere of action." "What do you want?" gasped the astonished victim. "The immediate transfer and surrender of whatever auriferous or argentiferous disks coined for purposes of exchange, or printed notes exchangeable for such disks, of which you may by any fortuitous concatenation of circumstances be the possessor, together with such other articles of intrinsic value or capable of being hypothecated, for the necessary means of subsistence as may have found a temporary lodgment in your garments. Nothing of a nutritious or alimentary nature has passed my lips for twenty-four hours," he added, with a smothered sob. "The exigencies of my financial situation leave me no other resource than to take these imperative measures. Extrude the impediments, or the repitation will eventuate at once." "Is it something to eat you want?" "That is the *summum bonum* of my ambition—the *ne plus ultra* of my hopes." From a basket on his arm the belated traveller took out a cylindrical package. He gave it to the footpad, who held it up where the flickering rays of a dim street lamp fell upon it, gave one glance at the printed label, shrieked deliriously, and fainted for joy. It was a can of baked beans.

ATTEMPT TO EVADE EXECUTION.

A negro, who was sentenced to death for a brutal murder, made a determined effort yesterday at Washington, Pennsylvania, to commit suicide just before the hour appointed for his execution. His efforts almost succeeded in delaying the execution till the time for the warrant had expired. He was finally strapped to a board and carried to the scaffold. His brother, who was present at the scene, carried a revolver, and was prepared to shoot, but at the last minute suspicion was excited by his behaviour, and the weapon was seized. The first attempt to hang the negro failed, as the rope broke. The second attempt was successful, and it was effected only just before the warrent expired.

SERIOUS COLLISION IN THE THAMES.

A GOVERNMENT PIER DESTROYED.

A serious collision occurred off Woolwich yesterday afternoon, resulting in the pier of the Royal Arsenal being almost entirely destroyed, and several tons of live shell and other war stores precipitated into the river. Owing to the recent fogs a large number of inward bound ships had been detained at the Nore and in the German Ocean, and yesterday being clear the traffic on the Thames was abnormally heavy. The steamship Flamborough, belonging to Messrs Bowser and Ormston, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the steamer Aralethan, of Aberdeen, belonging to Messrs Adam and Co., were proceeding up the river, and when off Woolwich Arsenal the latter vessel struck the former, causing the Flamborough to deviate from its course and strike the pier with a terrific crash, cutting it in two and knocking away the woodwork the width of the Flamborough. Several tons of loaded shot waiting shipment rolled off the pier over the deck of the Flamborough into the river without exploding, a large quantity of other Government stores falling into the Thames. In the collision the barge Dollar, laden with coals, belonging to Messrs Corry and Co., was sunk. The Flamborough, which was laden with cotton from Alexandria and bound for the Millwall Docks, escaped with comparatively little injury. The workmen on the Royal Pier, seeing its destruction imminent, ran off before the crash came, no lives being lost.

SUICIDE TO ESCAPE CHASTISEMENT.

Herbert Ross, aged 12 years, son of a gardener at Lincoln, yesterday committed suicide because he had been threatened with chastisement. During a quarrel he kicked his sister. His mother told him his father should correct him at night. The boy replied that if his father beat him he would poison himself. He went to Dr. Brook's surgery, where he was employed as errand boy, and being afterwards missed search was instituted. Towards evening Colonel Rudge's gardener was searching the shrubbery at Monk's Manor for hen's eggs, when he discovered the dead body of the boy, and by his side a bottle of prussic acid which had been taken from the surgery.

A PUZZLED ORGANIST.

A curious *contretemps* somewhat disturbed the equanimity of preacher and congregation at St. Michael's, Folkestone, a little while ago. The organ in that church is provided with kettle-drums, which are brought into action by the organist pressing against an electric knob fixed to the back of his seat. This arrangement was not explained to a strange organist, who had no sooner leaned back to hear the sermon comfortably than a startling uproar began in the recesses of the instrument. Looking up in astonishment, the unsuspecting artist only pressed the knob the harder, and faster and more furious became the action of the drums. This went on for a considerable time, till somebody with presence of mind rushed up and explained the secret, so stopping the noise of the tympani and the giggles of the congregation.

THE SUICIDE OF MR H. H. MORLEY.

Mr Coroner Thompson held an inquest at the White Hart Hotel, Launceston, yesterday on the body of Mr Henry Hope Morley, son of the late Mr Samuel Morley, who committed suicide at the hotel on Thursday morning by cutting his throat.—Alfred Stack Laughran deposed that he identified the deceased, who had resided with witness's brother for some years, lately at Bowden Derra, near Launceston. The deceased had suffered many years from epilepsy, and at times was much depressed; but he had never required supervision, or had shown the least tendency to suicide. The attacks ceased at the commencement of the year; but his mental condition had since become weaker, and Dr. Hawkes had to be called in. The deceased had been dead probably three hours when found. A verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was returned.

A MINER MURDERED BY PAPUANS.

HOW HIS COMRADES TOOK REVENGE.

The *South Australian Register* reports that the ketch Victor arrived at Brisbane on the 17th of January, from Samara, with twenty returned diggers and 80oz. of gold. She brings news of the murder of Billy Beckham, *alias* Grasy Bill, a miner, of Sudest, by Papuans. He was fifty-five years of age, and was working alone on the eastern spur of the island. The murder must have taken place about four months ago; but it was only about Christmas that natives divulged the fact that Bill had been first transfixed with a spear, then while writhing in torture his head had been cut off and left beside the trunk, while his heart was cut out and carried away to the chief village of the hill men. When the miners heard of the murder, they, with the assistance of some forty friendly natives, burned the chief villages of the cannibals, and told the chiefs that they would exterminate the tribes unless the murderers were immediately surrendered. Thereupon three of the chief murderers were promptly handed over to the Europeans and detained until the arrival of Sir William MacGregor, but the chief who ordered the murder is still at large.

HEAVY DAMAGES FOR A RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

At the Manchester Assizes yesterday an action was heard in which Charles Edward Hill, cloth agent's salesman, residing at Heaton Chapel, sued the London and North-Western Railway Company for damages from personal injuries. On the 26th August, 1889, the plaintiff and his wife, in whose respect also the suit was brought, were returning from Bristol, when the express train in which they were travelling came into collision with a train that was standing on the line near Stockport Station. As the result of the accident, Mr Hill was carried home in an unconscious state, the whole of his left side became paralysed, and he lost his memory, having been since then quite unable to follow any business. The medical and other expenses involved by the mishap amounted to £960, and included a bill of £120 for board and lodgings for ten weeks at Harrogate, whither he had been recommended by his medical advisers to repair. His salary previous to the accident had been £550 a year. Mrs Hill had been affected with a nervous disorder since the date of the collision. The jury awarded Mrs Hill £50, and Mr Hill £3,750.

A BOON TO STOCKTON.—Never before was Stockton so electrified as now. Since Herr Cohen, the inventor of the Curative Coil Battery, made his appearance scores of households are cheered through the wonderful cures effected by his method of applying electricity in cases of rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, headache, nervousness, indigestion, depression, backache, weak circulation, and general debility. Without exception this Battery has been proved to be the most simple and lasting method of relieving pain and suffering. This latest invention might truly be called the "Little Doctor," because it relieves neuralgia in a moment, nervous headache with one application, rheumatic pains in the joints in about five minutes, to the surprise of everybody, and only those know its value who use it.—"January 13th, 1891. Dear Sir,—I purchased one of your Batteries when at Rotherham, and may say that I am quite satisfied with my purchase, and would not be without it for twice the amount it cost. It quite cured my wife of enlarged veins. The Battery has also been round about the neighbourhood for various other ailments, one in particular—a man who had a slight stroke of paralysis, on whom the doctor used it, and he was working again in a fortnight.—Yours respectfully, ARTHUR STONES."—The above battery may be had of Herr Cohen at the Temperance Hall, Dovecot-street, Stockton. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 7 to 8.—ADVT.

EXTRACT FROM THE "CYCLIST," FEBRUARY 25TH, 1891.—"M. D. Rucker was at Ditton yesterday with a suspension-tyred "Humber" Safety, with which he had been indulging in certain of his well-known mountaineering tricks during the week. The suspension tyre excited a vast amount of interest, and was subjected to innumerable experiments by quite a dozen men, amongst whom were G. L. Hillier, Swindley, Lewis, Stroud, C. E Liles, Bath Road Smith, and others. The verdicts, particularly as to the "life" of the tyre, were distinctly favourable, and though we rode it fresh from the hard-pumped pneumatic, the difference was hardly noticeable. The thing is undoubtedly fast, reduces vibration in almost as great a degree as the air tyre, and will, if the suspension rim is warranted, quickly jump into general favour. G. M. Young, who leads the cycle trade in the North of England, exhibited the suspension tyre at the tyre discussion held at Stockton a few weeks ago—the first time out of London—and is expecting a delivery of "Humber" Safeties fitted with this tyre in a few days. Cyclists are invited to inspect them at the depots—Middlesbrough, Stockton, and Darlington.—ADVT.

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THE GATES OF EDEN.

By ANNIE S. SWAN, Author of "Aldersyde," "St. Veda's," "Across Her Path," &c., &c.

CHAPTER XIV. (CONTINUED.)

Susan Bethune then turned down the lamp, and laid herself down again gladly, for she was missing her accustomed night's rest. For some hours there was silence in the kitchen, broken only by the sick man's cough and hurried breathing, and the occasional falling of the ashes from the grate as the fire settled itself to burn more slowly and steadily till the morning. Before five Susan was astir again, and by the half-hour the foreman was speeding over the road to Leslie to summon the doctor. It was towards noon, however, before he put in an appearance, and after his brief examination of the old man he had little to say. Susan Bethune, who had met him often by sick and dying beds, knew his opinion by the expression in his face just as well as if he had put it in words. Peter was dying. She followed him out to the door, and stood in silence while he mounted his horse.

"He is an old man, Miss Bethune; over seventy, is he not?"

"Ay, he's seventy-seven."

"Ah, well! he has passed the span, and he's had a long and healthy life."

"Then he hasn't long?"

"A few days; a week at the most. You may apply the remedies I have recommended, but I fear they will not avail much. Both lungs are seriously congested."

"That's just as John was, you'll remember, Dr. Hay?"

"Yes, I remember quite well. It is a curious coincidence. You are standing out well. How are those clever nephews of yours getting on?"

"Very well. Did you see Jamie's last paper in *Chambers's*?"

"Yes, I saw it. He will make his mark yet. Well, I must go. If I am passing, I'll look in to-morrow morning."

"All right. Good-morning, sir." said Susan Bethune, and re-entered the house.

"What are you gossiping and whispering there so long about?" asked Peter, querulously. "What did he say? Am I going to die or not—that's what I want to know?"

"You are very seriously ill, Peter," she answered, looking with deep compassion at the withered face and the restless eyes, gleaming under the shaggy brows with an unnatural brilliance. His unkempt grey hair hung over his brows, and gave to him a wild appearance—how different, she could not help thinking, from John in his last illness. She wondered at her own callousness concerning Peter, remembering how her heart had been wrung when she was told that there was no hope for John. Ties of blood are strong, no doubt; but they can be robbed of strength and sweetness alike by indifference and neglect. Peter Bethune had lived for himself and selfish ends all his days, and not many regrets would follow him to the grave.

"Well, if I must die I must, I suppose; but I'm not very old," he said in the same fretful querulous tone. "Marget's first husband was far weaker than me, and he lived till he was ninety."

"Don't bother your head about Sammy Thomson, Peter. If your time's come, you needn't mind; and if not, you must seek for grace now."

"Grace! I've never done anybody any harm, I'm sure. I've never been a drunken nor a dishonest man; I've always paid my way. What more can a man do?"

"That will not open the door to the kingdom of heaven, Peter. You must ask the Lord to forgive you your sin for the Saviour's sake, or you cannot get there."

"Well, I'm sure He might forgive me, for I've always paid my way. Perhaps I've never given very much to the kirk, but one cannot give to everything; and as for going every Sabbath, I was glad to get a rest, especially as I didn't get much sometimes when I went."

"Well, Peter, I cannot argue with you, my man; only I hope and pray that the Lord 'll have mercy on your soul," said Susan Bethune sorrowfully. "Sandy will perhaps be able to make the thing plain to you. I asked Dr. Hay to telegraph to him, and he'll perhaps be here to-night."

"Well, I'll be glad to see him," said the sick man drowsily, and turning over he fell asleep again; but it was a troubled, uneasy slumber, broken by many a start and moan of pain. Susan Bethune's heart yearned over him unspeakably, but she did not know how to speak, or prepare him for the last great change, and could only pray for him in her heart.

The day wore on slowly, but the old man seemed to grow more uneasy and restless, and was never ten minutes in the same position. It was a wild, wintry day; rain fell in gusty torrents, and the wind bowled and whistled through the dreary house with many an unearthly sound, which made Susan Bethune feel sad and melancholy, and wish for something to divert her thoughts. About the darkening there came a timid knock at the door, and when Susan Bethune opened it she saw a woman standing there, with a little boy clinging to her skirts.

"Well, my woman, what do you want?" she asked, holding the candle higher, so that she might see the stranger's face.

"I'm Mrs Galbraith—Jeanie Thomson that was," she said, meekly and humbly. "I was up at the Windygates to-day, and they told me the master was awful ill. I came to see him."

"Come in. You were surely anxious when you walked with that child on such a night. Come in," said Susan Bethune drily; and yet her glance was kind and compassionate, and she took the little boy by the hand, and led him into the warm, well-lighted kitchen, the mother following behind.

"Sit down; you are very thin. Have you not been well?" asked Susan, abruptly. "Don't speak above your breath; he's sleeping, you see, and he's sore needing it."

"I've not been strong since my husband died; I had too much to do," said the widow. "It's a sore struggle for a widow woman, Miss Bethune."

"Yes, it is. I was speaking to Peter about you to-day. He cannot recover, the doctor says, and I would fain see justice done before he dies," said Susan Bethune, in her stern, matter-of-fact way. "You'll not have got much from him so far?"

"Not a halfpenny; and when I made bold to come and ask for my mother's clothes and things after she died, he cursed and swore at me," said the widow. "Do you not think it but right that I should get something for my children? He got a deal of goods and money with my mother."

"I know that, lassie, and I certainly think you should get whatever was your mother's, both clothes and money," said Susan Bethune, decidedly. "It was a stupid marriage for them both, I think."

"Who's that gossiping with you there?" cried the old man, shrilly, waking up out of his sleep, and raising himself on his elbow. "It's you, Jean Thomson, sitting at my fireside! You may clear out, you and your children, for you'll not get anything here. Are you just waiting till I'm a corpse to take a big haul? But you'll find you're mistaken, my lady. You married a ne'er-do-well, who spent all you got, and you must just lie on the bed you have made. Put her out, Susan, or I'll rise and do it myself."

The little boy, who had been warming himself at the fire, looked in silent terror at the wild old man glaring at them from between the curtains of the bed, and then set up a shrill scream.

"Go away into the other room, my woman," whispered Susan Bethune, hastily. "I'll kindle a fire for you, and you can sleep there all night. Away, see, or he'll be in a perfect fury." So saying, she lifted the candle, and hurried them away to the other end, and bade them keep quiet there till she had quietened the furious old man.

"No sooner is one laid down with a cold even than there's two or three, or half a dozen, sitting round like vultures waiting till he die," he said, fumingly. "You'd better get away back to the Star, Susan; you're in league with those Thomsons, and they're a greedy bad set, that live for ever off other folk."

"Hold your tongue this minute, or I'll give you a fright, man," said Susan Bethune, quietly. "Lie down and keep the clothes on yourself."

The old man tossed and struggled with the bedclothes, throwing them off as fast as his sister put them on, until, thoroughly exhausted, he sank back almost gasping for breath.

Then Susan Bethune carefully covered him with the clothes, and turned away with a sore heart. It was a pitiful sight to see the old man struggling on the very brink of the grave, so loth to leave the world, because its wealth and concerns were still his only gods. Oh, how different from the calm, beautiful peace with which John had waited his summons home to dwell for ever with the God he had so faithfully served through all his blameless life! She wiped her eyes as she looked into the dancing fire, and prayed that her last end might be like John's. She carried a shovelful of blazing coal into the room, and built up a roaring fire for the widow and her boy. But she dared not talk to her, lest Peter, hearing their voices, should get into a passion again. About seven o'clock, as she was making a spoonful of porridge for the child, the door opened and the minister of Lochbroom walked in.

"Eh, man, I'm very glad to see you! And how are you?" she said, shaking him heartily by the hand, and looking with interest into his handsome face, which had a fine ruddy colour just then, owing to the exertion of walking through wind and rain.

"I am very well, thank you, Aunt Susan; and how are you?" he asked. "I got Hay's telegram about half-past one, just in time to catch the two o'clock express, or I wouldn't have been here to-night. How is he?"

"Far spent. He's sleeping again, and no wonder, after the ferment he's been in. Oh, he's an awful old man! I hope, Sandy, you'll be able to put him in a better frame of mind. He's far from being ready to die. But you'll be wet?"

"Oh, no, it is more wind than rain. When did you come from Star?"

"Only yesterday. He's not been long ill, but he cannot last. Sandy, you're growing a good-looking fellow!"

"Wasn't I always that, Aunt Susan?" he asked with a smile. "When did you hear from Jamie?"

"Yesterday. He never misses his day," said the old woman, with happy pride. "Isn't he a wonderful chap?"

"He's going to succeed after all. There's a strong resolution in him," said the minister, drawing in his chair to the fire. "Why, what's that?" he added, with a start, for the sound of a child's prattle fell upon his ears.

"That's poor Jean Thomson, your Auntie Margaret's lassie, that was left a widow at Leven, you know, whispered Aunt Susan. "She's come over, no doubt, to see what she can get for herself and her children, and I cannot blame her. If you get any talk with your uncle, you must try and show him his duty. That poor creature has more need of a little money than either you or Jamie."

"Has he made a will?" asked the minister, musingly.

"Ay, so he says; but what'll be in it, God only knows. We can hardly expect it to be just. He doesn't know the meaning of the word. Eh, man, I cannot but think on the difference between his last days and your father's. That was an end we all may envy."

"They were always very different," said the minister, rather abruptly, for memory had a sting; then he changed the subject, and led her on to talk of other things.

"You look as if you needed a rest, Aunt Susan. I'll sit up with Uncle Peter to-night," he said, at length. "And I'll promise to waken you when he needs anything."

"Very well, I'm not sorry, for I'm awful tired. He's asleep yet, and it's a pity to waken him. I'll lie down in the front of the bed beside Jeanie, and you can give us a call when he wakens. Here's the sofa for you."

The minister threw off his boots, and, covering himself with the old plaid, lay down, but not to sleep. Thought was busy within, and memory was at work. The present, with all its absorbing, passionate interests—its hopes, fears, and indescribable yearnings—was absorbed in contemplation of the past. A voice seemed to arise out of that dead past, asking him warningly whether he was redeeming the speeding time; whether he had aught to show for all that had been given to him; whether in the sphere of life to which he had been called he had conscientiously and unselfishly done what he could. We do not often welcome such thoughts. He is a happy man who can look within without fear, who can think with calm satisfaction of duty well done; who has no accusing voice to whisper, "Thou art the man." Self in a selfish man is its own avenger.

"Susan, give me a drink." The feeble, faltering request broke Sandy Bethune's reverie, and he leaped to his feet.

"Who are you?" asked the sick man, wonderingly. "Oh, it's you, Sandy. When did you come?"

"An hour or two ago. I am sorry to see you so poorly, Uncle Peter," he said, laying his firm, strong hand on the poor nerveless fingers. "Are you feeling very weak."

"Oh, yes, I'm used up. Are you come to look after the money too?"

Sandy Bethune's face flushed, for no such thought had as yet presented itself to his mind.

"You don't like that," chuckled the old man. "Well, I cannot blame you. Rouse up Susan, will you? I cannot get breath."

The minister went out into the lobby, gently called to his aunt, and then returned to the bedside. Seeing the difficulty the old man felt in breathing, he put his arm round his shoulders, and raised him up among the pillows. The fast glazing eyes looked up into his with a look of strange questioning, which was painful in its intensity.

"You're a minister, Sandy. Where do you think I'll go in the other world?"

"If you trust in God's promises, Uncle Peter you will go to Heaven."

"Ay, but what's the promises? I cannot remember them. I wish I had lived a different life. The will's in the drawer up stairs; you'll get the key in my pocket. I'm not able to alter it now, but you'll see Jean Thomson doesn't want, and share the rest with Jamie; I was perhaps too hard on him. Is that you, Susan?"

"Ay, it's me, Peter, my man; you're slipping away," said Susan Bethune, with her apron to her eyes. "Pray for your uncle, Sandy."

"Never mind, now," said the old man, in a drowsy whisper. "He'll perhaps let me in, for I've always—paid—my—way."

(To be continued.)

WHOSE WAS THE HAND?

By MISS BRADDON, Author of "Lady Audley's Secret," "Like and Unlike," "The Day Will Come," &c.

CHAPTER XXVI.

DAISY'S DAIRY.

It is nearly a month since I last opened this book, a month which has brought me daily nearer and nearer in union with him who is to share all my life, and whom I am I love and obey. Yes, obey; the word suggests not the faintest sense of humiliation. I am proud to have a master, such a master. I never had that kind of feeling with my poor dear Cyril. On the contrary I felt as if he had been given to me as my slave, a person to order about.

For the first few days after that terrible revelation about my step-father I kept my ghastly secret. I could not trust even him whom I had trusted with my whole heart and my whole life. I feared that if I told Gilbert my conviction of Ambrose Arden's guilt, if I showed him how link by link the chain of circumstantial evidence might be put together until the circle was complete, he might consider it his duty to bring about a public investigation, and thus condemn my mother to the horror of knowing what manner of man she had married. But after torturing myself for those few days of puzzled thought and nights of feverish unrest, I could bear my burden no longer. Gilbert saw that there was something amiss with me, that even his presence could not make me happy, and he pressed and pressed me to confide in him. And so I told him all the dismal story, and my reason for believing that my father's murder had been plotted by his friend.

I could see by his darkening countenance as he listened that he was of my opinion, but he answered gravely and deliberately.

"Your theory is plausible, Daisy yet there is no incident in life which may not bear a double interpretation. I certainly believe Duverdier to be the murderer as surely as I believe him to be Claude Morel under another name; and, granting that he is the guilty man, it is assuredly a strange thing that he should dog your step-father's footsteps in this quiet place, and that your lover should renounce the happiness of his life, and go into exile, after overhearing a conversation between his father and that man. The links are strong links; but the evidence is not of a kind that would be accepted in a court of law; and I doubt if the law will ever touch the man whose moral guilt, granting him guilty, is greater than the guilt of the shedder of blood."

"I don't want the law to touch him; I don't want my mother ever to know how cruelly she has been cheated and deceived. I only want you to understand the horror of it all, and that this man with whom I have to live in daily friendship, or the appearance of friendship, is of all men upon the earth the most abhorrent to me."

Half the weight of my burden was lifted off my shoulders after I had shared my trouble with Gilbert. He is so wise, so thoughtful, so just and temperate in his judgments. He would not allow that the case was established against that wretched man. It was a case for grave doubt he told me. The circumstances were full of darkest suspicions; but it would be dangerous to condemn a fellow-creature, above all a friend to whom I owed so much, upon such evidence.

I shuddered at the word friend.

"Oh, I was so fond of him once," I said. "I used to sit upon his knee and put my arms round his neck. I called him uncle because I could not bear to think that he was not related to me. I used to run from my father to him, and one was almost as dear to me as the other. And now to know that he is utterly base, false, and cruel, inexorably cruel, cruel as death itself."

"We know nothing, Daisy," said my dearest, in his calm, grave voice; "there is nothing absolute or conclusive in all your evidence. The signs of trouble of mind which you have noticed in your step-father may be only the indications of physical disease. We must wait, and watch, if need be, and whether this dire suspicion of yours be brought more fully home to us, or whether we have reason to doubt the grounds upon which it rests, there is at least one point upon which we can have no hesitation. The knowledge of evil must be kept from your poor mother."

I was inexpressibly comforted by his counsel, and felt that I could better endure to live in the same house with my step-father. I even began to falter somewhat in my judgment of him, and had it not been for the mystery of Cyril's conduct, which I could account for in no other manner, I might have thought myself the victim of a delusion, cruel alike to me and to the man whom I suspected.

But I could not forget the evidence of Cyril's face, which told of dire calamity, or the stern resolve with which he cancelled the bond between us. His tone and manner were those of a man who was fulfilling a painful duty, who submitted himself to a cruel destiny.

Nor was there other and nearer evidence wanting in my step-father's manner to me after the change in my manner to him which must have been obvious, although I set a watch upon myself always in my mother's presence. On the rare occasions when Mr Arden and I were alone together, I maintained a resolute silence, and on no such occasion did he ever question me as to my altered bearing. It seemed to me that he submitted to our estrangement as a part of his doom, and that he tacitly accepted my condemnation of him. Oh, what a dreadful life it would be if it were not for the comfort and support my true lover has given me throughout this trial!

And all this time there has been an air of gaiety at River Lawn, and mother and Gilbert and I have been full of preparations for the great change in all our lives. It will hardly be such a change for mother and me, though, as it might have been under less blessed conditions; for I shall be her next door neighbour, and shall be running in and out of the dear home garden every day, and she can run into my gardens, and the ever lovely and beloved arbour where my sovereign lord and king first declared his love can be common ground for both of us. I shall keep copies of my most adorable poets there, and a sketching block and colour box, and Gilbert shall have a box of cigars or cigarettes in the handy little cupboard where I used to keep my toy cups and saucers when I was a child.

No; my wedding-day will bring no severance between mother and me, and by-and-bye, when the end which I foresee shall come, and the shadow is lifted from her life, I shall have that dear mother all to myself again, as I had in the tranquil years of her widowhood.

It is wicked, perhaps, to take comfort in the thought of anyone's death; yet can I wish a traitor's life to be prolonged? Can I fail to see the hand of God in that gradual darkening of the gloom which encircles him—the gradual working of that slow poison we call remorse?

Again there has been talk of my trousseau, and this time mother has not found me cold or indifferent. I have taken a keen delight in everything, especially the house-linen, about which I am as earnest as if I had spun it myself, like an industrious Swedish or Norwegian maiden, and had hoarded it in great oaken presses to await my betrothal. I am delighted to say that Gilbert's hereditary linen closet was a vast collection of rags, beautiful damask cloths, with the Florestan coat of arms woven in the fabric, smooth and lustrous as satin, but as transparent as gauze when the good old housekeeper held them up to the light.

"Single gentlemen never do think of such things," she said, apologetically; "I've told Mr Florestan often and often that new tablecloths were wanted, but he always forgot to order them; and then he was here so seldom, and that made him careless about the house."

"Of course," cried I; "what should he know about tablecloths?"

We are to go to the South for our honeymoon, but not straight away to fashionable Cannes or cosmopolitan Nice. We are to go first to Bordeaux, and then to Pau and Biarritz, and afterwards to Toulouse, Carcassonne, Niames, &c., &c., and so on by easy stages to Marseilles, and thence to Cannes, just to wind up with the Prince of Wales's week, and the dances at the two clubs. I shall be an old married woman by that time, capable of chaperoning my unmarried cousins if they should happen to be at Cannes with my aunt just then. They generally go South in early spring, and leave the doctor to make money in Harley-street.

They all came down to River Lawn last week to congratulate me upon my "promotion," as Flora called it, and they all, aunt included, seem to think I have done a grand thing in getting myself engaged to Gilbert Florestan.

"Not because he is rich," explained Flora, "for measured by our modern necessities he is little better than a pauper; but because he is unmistakably *county*. Your relations need never be ashamed of him."

"*That* is a comfort," said I, enraged at her impertinence; "but I hope you don't suppose I accepted Gilbert in order to gratify my relations, or come up to the requirements of Harley street. I did not accept him because he is county, and I should have been just as deeply in love with him if he had been a beggar."

"Ah, you may think so, and most engaged girls talk in that style," said Flora; "but I have never heard of anybody in society marrying a beggar since the time of King Cophetua, and no doubt he was sorry for it afterwards."

These cousins of mine are the very essence of worldliness, and I seldom stoop to argue about matters of feeling with either of them. They have been on the point of making great matches ever since they were presented, but the business has always stopped short of actuality; and Aunt Emily says that marriage, from a lady's standpoint, will soon become impossible.

"It's easy enough for an only child like you," she said. "Of course *you* are anybody's money; but my poor girls have nothing but their beauty and their accomplishments, and men nowadays are so utterly sordid."

This was a speech which would have made me utterly wretched were it possible for me to doubt my true lover; but all the discontented mothers in England might hint and insinuate for a livelong summer day whithout ruffling my great content. My heart so far as Gilbert is concerned, is as placid as a summer lake encircled by mountains.

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